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The Sealand photographs are now in stock, and for £5.00, you get a set of 11 superb shots taken by ace photographer Theo Dencker. (See last week's report for a description of the photos). Radio Today edition 18 for September / October 1988, is also currently in stock, priced at £1.70 including postage and packing.

NEW ARRIVALS. This weeks reading matter includes two continental publications. FRS Goes DX in its new format and improved print quality, has 20 pages of A5 size, with information and stories on the shortwave scene and offshore radio stations. Part 3 of the Cable One feature, and a portrait of Empire Radio are included in the current issue, No. 76. Annual subscriptions to this Dutch publication, which is written entirely in English, is £6.25. Samples cost 70p each from FRS Goes DX, c/o FRS Holland, P.O. Box 41, Dedemsvaart 7700 AA, The Netherlands..... For shortwave

P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

free radio enthusiasts comes Radiotelex, a four page booklet featuring logs and information about the last two weeks happenings on the H.F. bands. Their address is Radiotelex, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D-4100 Duisberg 12, West Germany.... From the U.K. comes the weekly Now Radio, with 20 pages of news and features on the current radio scene. All types of radio are covered in this publication, which can be obtained from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW. Finally this week, is World Broadcast News for October. This is a glossy A4 magazine, geared towards those in the trade. News from around the world, as well as features on new equipment and technology are included. Cost is \$50 for 11 issues from NBB Acquisitions Inc., 295 Madison Avenue, New York NY 10017, USA.

TAPE OFFERS. It's anniversary time once more this week, as it was three years ago today (5th November 1985) that Laser 558 made its final broadcast, prior to sailing into Harwich the following day. Our archive selection for this week, features the final breakfast show of Craig Novak, and the start of the John Leeds show. This particular extract we have, includes the coded messages which signalled the problems leading to the ceasing of broadcasts later that morning. The recording is of very good quality, and the tape number SP-18. The cost is £2.00 including postage and packing.

More recent is a recording from Australia of 2-DAY in Sydney. This features an afternoon programme recorded on Thursday 7th July 1988, from Greg Diamond. The format of this FM stereo radio station is AOR. Cost for this 90 minute cassette is also just £2.00, inclusive of postage and packing.

FOR SALE. A number of copies of the booklet Transmitter Circuits are available from PIN Magazine in Germany. This is a 52 page, A5 publication (from 1980), and has circuit designs and values, of power supplies, AM and FM transmitters and modulator units. Certainly of interest to any build it yourself enthusiast. Copies of this booklet can be obtained by transferring DM 12.50 (approx. £4.00), to CCP 4078 90-433, postal giro office Essen, Federal Republic of Germany. The payee is Mr. W. Kortmann.

CAROLINE MOVEMENT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL. The CM is holding a Christmas social on Saturday 3rd December, at the Aldborough Hatch Community Centre, Aldborough Road North, Newbury Park, Essex. The event will run from 7pm until 11pm, and costs £5 for members and £7.50 for non-members. Guest offshore radio personalities, films, Stalls, an exhibition and a bar will be featured. Tickets are obtainable in advance from : Christmas Tickets. BCM-BR FM, London WC1N 3XX.

RADIO STATION NEWS: IRELAND.

Co. MONAGHAN. After several months of expecting KISS FM to move their AM frequency, this finally took place on Monday 31st October. On that morning, they could be



heard on three frequencies, 103.7MHz, 1170kHz and 1413kHz. The big transmitter was put on the new channel of 1413kHz, and lower powered 1kW unit left on 1170kHz. It is hoped that the new frequency will improve evening reception in the Belfast area, which has been suffering a little at

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drive-time, since dusk now approaches early. The higher frequency means that the signal will not carry as far, but hopefully, the channel will be clear enough to more than compensate for this. Both AM channels are currently being announced, but only the 1413 outlet is clearly audible here in Blackpool.

Co. DUBLIN. Congratulations to Radio Dublin who celebrated their 22nd birthday last week. (See above advert.)

OFFSHORE STATIONS: Things are all set to happen this week, with the return to 819kHz of Radio 819, and the re-commencement of Radio Caroline to a full 24 hour service on 558kHz. Meanwhile, engineers are once again back out on the Ross in order to attempt to put up the sections of mast which have been on board for a number of weeks. This will be placed at the front of the ship, but when the work will be carried out depends on the weather conditions.

Steve Conway has read almost all the news bulletins on the station since the beginning of November, and the line-up for the last couple of days has been... 00:00 Steve Conway... 03:00 Andy Bradgate... 06:00 Radio 558... 18:00 Steve Masters... 21:00 Chris Kennedy. The Dutch service actually begins at 04:00, but only on 819kHz. Between 06:00 and 18:00 the two run in parallel, and then at 18:00, Viewpoint 819 takes over with the religious programming, and runs for a varying length of time, before it begins to run in parallel with 558kHz and the programmes of Radio Caroline.

The DX programme on World Mission Radio (6215kHz) has continued to elude ourselves, but has been heard by many correspondents this week. Last weekend, it first appeared on Saturday (29th) at 10:00gmt, and lasted until 11:00. The show was heard again (repeated?) the following morning between 09:00 and 10:00. We are unsure as to who the presenter was, but we understand from reports, that he sounded Dutch, and was reading out letters sent to the WMR, California address back in August.

A bigger section will be included next time, hopefully with all the details of the various changeovers, along with the new deejay line-ups.

LAND-BASED STATIONS : U.K.

THE MIDLANDS. Anthony Page sends us the following report on the appearance of Radio P.C.R.L.'s Cecil Morris (alias 'Music Master'), at Victoria Law Court on Thursday 20th October. The trial related to events in November last year, and on 11th and 18th March this year, at 3/4 Hamilton House, Grove Lane, Smithwick. There were initial doubts

over the jurisdiction regarding these dates, as the offences took place 500 yards outside the boundary. The defence solicitor applied for the March cases to be taken separately, and eventually, the magistrates decided to bring these to court at a later date. There were four charges relating to 12th November which were : using a tx, aiding and abetting the use of a tx, using an unlicensed radio station, and aiding and abetting an unlicensed station. From the start it was clear that not only did the prosecutor not know what P.C.R.L. stood for, but he did not know the frequency either. Search warrants were obtained for 151 and 165 Dudley Road. At 165, the DTI found a 181MHz link tx, connected to a wire which ran to No. 151. On entering 151, Cecil was 'apparently' asleep in bed, and in the basement they found what was considered to be a studio, a receiver tuned to 181MHz, and another to 103.5MHz. The prosecutor said that although the studio was not switched on, the link was transmitting a dead carrier, which constituted a transmission. The premises were visited at 06:30, and the DTI got no reply, so forced their way in. The DTI man, Mark Rider switched on the equipment, spoke into the microphone and put on a record to test. For the defence, Mr. Mitchell asked if P.C.R.L. had continued to broadcast as normal throughout the 'link tests'. Eventually the DTI official admitted this was the case, but said that this was standby equipment. By the time Cecil was questioned, the charges of using the tx had been dropped. On being questioned, he said that the PCRL Gift Shop does sell other items, and the equipment in the basement was used for training deejays. Asked if he knew any PCRL staff, he said he knew most of them, and was a supporter of the station. After the bench had retired for a long period, the verdict was given as not guilty to both remaining charges. The new trial date for the March charges, is 27th February.

Currently, all stations are operating normally and are Radio P.C.R.L. (103.6), Enterprise FM (91.9), PHR (105.1), Asian Radio Broadcast (105.6) and Skyline Radio (94.3). KISS FM has not been heard for some time.

NOTTINGHAM. The jamming session between presenters from Heatwave Community Radio (105.05) and London's RJR on Friday 28th October was apparently a great success, with a full house. An interesting programme has begun on the station on a Sunday afternoon at around 15:15. Last Sunday, this took the form of a discussion about radio stations in other areas. Radio P.C.R.L. was the subject this time, with the numerous raids on the station being discussed.

There was also a discussion on general radio matters. This lasted about twenty minutes. On Monday (31st), at 23:58, the audio suddenly cut off in mid-sentence, and didn't return until Tuesday. A suspicious person was spotted in the area. Daddy Crucial returned on Tuesday, following a visit to a station in Bristol.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. Starting in Derbyshire this time, where on Thursday evening (20th October) a relay of Radio Nova Satellite was noted on 104.85MHz. This was again heard on Saturday night, and turned out to be Radio Freedom, who commenced broadcasting their own programmes on Sunday (13th). As well as FM, the station was on its regular 1242kHz medium wave outlet. A mixture of music formats was played, varying from heavy rock to house music. Broadcasting hours were 08:00 until 24:00 closedown, and the AM outlet was said to be of very high power.

Up in Leeds, following the raids of several weeks ago, stations are now beginning to return to the air. **Music City Radio** (90.3) has been on the air occasionally during the evenings. On Tuesday (1st November) a weak carrier was noted at 17:25 on 98.0MHz. By 18:00 this had audio on it, and after enduring the same record for the following two hours, 'The Godfather' was heard with a few microphone tests. Wednesday saw **Rapid FM** back on the air throughout the day, with a few breaks. By that evening things were in full swing, with jingles and presenters back on the air. On Thursday morning (3rd) the carrier was blank, but programmes were well underway by mid-day. **Peoples FM** (104.6) also returned this week, but nothing has been heard from ABC FM.

Paradise City Radio (104.9-stereo) continue with a 24 hour service, seven days per week, with plenty of adverts and no shortage of deejays. They have been raided twice since they started, but this has not deterred the station management, as they were back on the air only five hours after the last raid. Elsewhere in West Yorkshire, **Thunder Radio** (104.5-stereo) were on the air on Sunday evening (30th), and were putting listeners live on the air via the telephone. **Telstar Radio** (105.4) have not been monitored by any correspondents for the past two weeks.

Across in Hull, surprisingly following the recent court case, **Radio Takoradi** returned to the air on 105.1MHz last Saturday (29th October). The signal was reported as being strong, but following Shammy's show, there was just a blank carrier in evidence. Kafi Dee was absent again.

Three stations were on the air in South Yorkshire last week. **Radio Britannia** (105.6) made its now regular Friday evening broadcast between 19:00 and 21:00, with presenter Kenny Crescendo. Their broadcast this Friday (4th) will be the last on this frequency, as a more powerful transmitter will be in use shortly on a new frequency around 98MHz, probably 97.8 or 98.2MHz. **Village Radio**'s Sunday broadcast (30th) from 20:00-22:00 was suffering from a few spurious problems. However following tests on Monday evening, these had been cleared for the regular Tuesday evening shows on 105.2MHz. **Rebel Radio** (105.4) announced on Monday evening (31st) that it would be the final broadcast for a month, due to a continuing poor signal and audio problems. However they were back on Tuesday evening to say that following comments to the contrary by listeners, it was not the last broadcast after all.

MERSEYSIDE. On the quietest weekend for many years, just one station was logged all last weekend. Although unidentified, it was believed to be **Veronica 104** on 104.75, which was relaying tapes of WHTZ from New York, at just before mid-day Sunday (30th October). There was no sign at all of **Radio Atlantis** (1197), **Radio Merseywaves** (1242) or **Storeton Community Radio** (1026). With neither Atlantis nor Merseywaves finishing the previous week's broadcasts, we can only assume that the DTI were busy.

At the time of writing, Friday 4th November, there was still no sign of any of the regular stations, nor were there any carriers on either 1197 or 1242kHz.

MANCHESTER / CHESHIRE. **Outlook 96.3** were heard with a weaker than usual signal last Sunday evening, shortly after 20:00. Frequency was 96.3MHz.

BRISTOL. For the first time in several weeks, **Radio For The People** (103.7 - stereo) managed a distortion-free weekend (15th / 16th October). Problems came their way however, on Saturday 15th, when a test tone was noted from mid-day right through until 22:00, on an adjacent frequency, and

caused some interference on less selective sets. No problems were encountered on Sunday (16th) and the station programmed right across Bristol, and included was the 'Soul Chart' supplied by Soundvilles Records. Dedication address is... **Radio F.T.P.**, P.O. Box 548, Bristol BS99 1NX.

Emergency Radio (97.9 - mono) managed to make it on time this weekend, with tests commencing at 11:45, prior to 'D.J. Joe' signing on the station at 12:10. The music content included jazz, Latin, reggae, African, soul, hip-hop, house and funk, provided by both their regular and one-off deejays. In addition to that on **Radio F.T.P.**, a special promotion on behalf of the Jamaican hurricane appeal has been broadcast on **Emergency FM**. This features an interview with a Mr C. Blake, a witness to the disaster, and is produced on behalf of 'The West Indian parents and friends association'. Emergency's contact address is... P.O. Box 979, 37 Stokes Croft, Bristol BS1 3PY.

With an ever lengthening schedule, **Savage Yet Tender Radio** (104.4 - stereo), hit technical problems right at the start of their Sunday night broadcast (16th) at 20:00, with a low frequency hum being clearly audible throughout the programmes. The line-up was... 20:00 **The Music Show Pt. 1**... 21:00 Mike Mundane with 'New Round Up'... 21:05 **The Music Show Pt. 2**... 21:30 Doug Savage and Pete Tender Show... 21:50 Nuclear Power feature... 22:00 Close. Some rather unsavoury language was reported heard during the latter part of the broadcast. It was mentioned towards the end of the broadcast, that even though S.Y.T. Radio was an open access station, no-one had bothered to take advantage of this. Their address is... **S.Y.T. Radio**, Box S.Y.T., c/o 37 Stokes Croft, Bristol BS1 3PY.

BEDFORDSHIRE. There is plenty of action in this area at the moment. **Inner City Radio** (105.75) have been heard, although are understood to have been raided in the Chelmsford area, during mid-October. **Jive FM** (104.4) operates from Luton, and covers a wide area with its soul/house format. They have an address of 16 Stuart Street, Luton, Bedfordshire. **Hardcore FM** are also audible in this area on 88.6MHz, giving an address for requests and info of : 23a, Market Square, Stevenage, Hertfordshire. Also monitored this week were **Peoples FM** (103.3) playing mainly reggae, and **Network FM** on 105.1MHz, although the latter was very weak.

THE SOUTH COAST. A new station called **Faze 105.2 FM** announced it would commence regular Sunday programmes from 16th October, to the Brighton area. As yet however, we have no reports as to whether they managed to make this on air date. The frequency to watch for is 105.2MHz, between 17:30 and midnight, on a Sunday evening. A mailing address was given out on 'flyers' sent out to advertise the station. **Faze**, 127 Milner Road, Brighton BN2 4BR.

LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY.

28th - 31st October 1988.

This week, one station stages a move, while Starpoint goes in for self analysis. **WLW** breaks out from the East End with some new sounds, and **GLR** opens with some old sounds.

Pop / rock radio did poorly again this week, with only 'New' Hits FM (98.4) keeping the flag flying. **R-FM** (94.25) were heard very briefly on Friday (28th) evening through a sea of mush, on what was taken to be a test. Distance, poor signal, and the combination of the re-emergence of Croydon weekender **Energy FM** (94.4), and Brixton's **Classic Community Radio** (94.2) sitting next door, made recognition difficult. 'Oldies' Hits FM haven't been around for several weeks, and **Raiders 98** failed to make the scene, as did **MMR**. **SLR** also missed the boat, but may be looking for a new slot, as they are squashed up between two powerful stations, **Star** (103.0) on one side, and **Fresh FM** (103.3) on the other. Of the ethnics - **London Greek Radio (LGR)** (88.45) missed Friday, but was about Saturday and Sunday, while **Greek Radio for London (GRL)** (96.1) were the opposite, heard on Friday, and missing Saturday and Sunday. **Greek Community Radio (GCR)** (104.45) was on all over the weekend, but doesn't seem to have the coverage at the moment, indicating the possibility of a lost aerial system. **London Arab** (89.7) keep going day and night, but have not been in stereo for some weeks, although they are getting a fair signal out from their E London base. **SRI** have only been heard once from W London in the last month. Former front runner **LWR** are believed to be rife with internal dissension, which is delaying the return of this once mighty and indomitable outfit. The possibility remains that they, like

former competitors TKO, might also join that big aerial scrapheap in the sky. There has been no reason to believe that there has been anything other than the minimum of activity from the London Lubianka this week, but still unaccountably missing since Sunday 24th, are N London weekend soulsters Studio FM.

Starpoint (93.25) have taken over the entire weekend, now that CD-93 are believed to be looking for a new partner, but their music policy seems to be more diverse, to allow for this. Saturday evening saw an extended period of navel gazing and self analysis, as they opened the phone lines for the punters to have their say on 'Privateer Radio' in general, and Starpoint in particular. Initially this took the form of playing back tapes of 'phoned in' messages, but later they got braver, and took on-air, live calls. Not surprisingly, the support was more or less universal. Though some speakers were less than totally coherent, the presenters managed to coax some reasonable opinions from them. Part of the discussion was of the merits of BBC Big L, and the demerits of the new GLR. This form of listener participation was planned to be extended for another session the following day, but they were off when looked for. Surprisingly, they were in mono on Saturday evening, but dropped back into stereo in the early hours of Sunday morning. Maybe someone just forgot to pull the switch on Saturday.

The increasingly popular Sunday evening JBC (104.25 - stereo) discussion show, this week scored a coup, when they managed to persuade visiting American anthropologist and medical historian, Dr. Charles Finch, to discuss his work, on the last day of his 1988 British visit. The good doctor has been studying the efficacy of alternative and traditional African medicine, and has come up with some astounding findings, including the pre-European knowledge among primitive tribes of anaesthesia, removal of cataracts, and the ability to amputate limbs without the patient dying of shock! He also revealed that it was not just in the medical sciences that primitive tribes had scientific knowledge long before the Europeans, but a wide range of other sciences, as well, including astronomy and chemistry. Programme co-hosts 'Man-of-Wisdom' and 'Woman-of-Light' were both suitably subdued, and only directed their questioning to bring out the Caribbean connections.

WLIB (90.9) exploded back on the scene this weekend, after a couple of days of test tones. The signal is now up there with the majors, and they are proudly proclaiming their ability to cover the whole of London from their E London base. With the new launch, they are actually running jingles. There is a certain incongruity about it, as the jingles and 'drop-ins' are all of the rock based 'Hot-Hits' type. They have even got hold of a copy of the Bill Mitchell 'Laser is Back' promo, and substituted WLIB in place of Laser! But it is true, they are bigger and better than before. Not too sure about the flame throwing bit though. While WLIB are using 'Hot Hits' inserts, Greater London Radio hasn't entirely abandoned its connections with the past. Despite a whole new jingle package, some old PAMS 'happy difference' jingles have been heard creeping in occasionally. Johnny Walker and Tommy Vance have settled in with the mix of chat, news and the AOR based music, with the professionalism that one expects from them. While lunch-time host Johnnie Walker sounds relaxed and gets the likes of Jane Weildlin to exchange reminiscences of San Francisco in the seventies, morning girl Emma Freud sounds embarrassed by the whole project, especially when having to deal with homecraft subjects. Meanwhile Capital Gold has hi-jacked the GLR launch slogan of 'the first new station in London for 15 years', and with tremendous subtlety, is running it as 'the first new music station etc..', for the launch of their seven day AM oldies service.

There are some strange things happening up on the 98 sector this week. Mystery surrounds the non-appearance of City Limits backed E London weekender Red Hot FM, and Raiders FM failed to arrive on Friday. While the sector appeared quiet, Stage FM made a lightning overnight move down from 105.5, to 98.0'ish. Can't be any more exact than that, as the digital still hasn't arrived back from the repairers, and Stage didn't announce any frequencies. It is not known if their E London relay on 105.9 referred to, by them last week, is still in operation. If not, then silence now reigns up above 105.1, where only Tropical can still be heard in central and SE London. At one time on Saturday, Stage's signal was breaking up from interference from another station,

the origin of which is unknown, but might have been Red Hot. Just alongside a strong carrier was noted, which turned into Joy Radio (97.8) from the SE in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Time Radio (102.2) must have lost a tx during the week, as they are back to mono, and in slightly lower power. They are also switching off completely overnight. As they are one of the few outfits who actually pay for the electricity used by the transmitter, they may just be watching the bills. In the meantime, Time are getting a share of the Echoes magazine advertising coming their way, which should ease the cash flow situation. Just up the band, and Peoples (103.7-stereo) are holding down the old Time slot, but they don't seem to be getting the signal out in the way that Time used to. Even in its current power mode, Time Radio can be picked up way down the M4 almost to Reading.

Smokey days in the old Tottenham Court Road, UFO Club were brought to mind, when what sounded like an early Pink Floyd live concert was locked into on Friday night. Eagerly awaiting the end of the track to see of this was the return of the legendary rock giants Alice's Restaurant, it was a let down (to say the least), to find that it was not Pink Floyd, but a particularly esoteric piece of music coming out of London Arab. I was particularly glad that I was not sharing the experience with anyone else at the time, and that no-one knows about it.

Last week's count was unaccountably missed off. There were a total of 30 stations locked into, of which 5 were in stereo. This week, the totals were exactly the same, although the mix was slightly different.

Also heard were :- Sunrise (88.7), Euro-Jam (89.5), RJR (90.0), Rock-to-Rock (90.3), Passion (90.6), Sky (91.7), Solar 93 (93.0), KISS-FM (94.0-stereo), City Radio (94.6), SIR (96.9) and Pioneer (102.5).

Many thanks to Sid once again for his excellent report, and we eagerly await next week's.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS. The U.K. is not the only country where free radio stations are suffering at the hands of the authorities. Radio New Wave were raided in Holland on 16th October, whilst relaying the programmes of FRS-HOLLAND on 6225kHz. According to the current issue of FRS Goes DX, three members of the Dutch RCD (one woman and two men), were responsible for the raid on Radio New Wave. They confiscated the 225 watt transmitter and a separate modulator, but left everything else, including the programme tapes. The RCD men apparently said that there had been too much activity from Holland on the shortwaves recently, and they would be severely dealt with. It is certainly interesting to note that since this raid, there has been very little emanating from this country on the SW bands.

Log for Sunday 30th October 1988.

6205kHz...RADIO FAX, at 11:20gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 11:29gmt.
6231kHz...CRUISIN SOLID GOLD, at 11:00gmt.
6231kHz...W.L.R., at 12:03gmt.
6237kHz...RADIO ATLANTA, at 10:45gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO GEMINI, at 10:54gmt.
6265kHz...RADIO DJ, at 10:39gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:38gmt.
6295kHz...RADIO KRISTEL INT., at 11:06gmt.
6305kHz...ATLANTA RADIO, at 11:32gmt.
6318kHz...RADIO STELLA, at 10:37gmt.
6630kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:28gmt.
6815kHz...4FWS, at 14:32gmt.
6820kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:02gmt.
7315kHz...I.R.R.S., at 08:54gmt.
7315kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 11:01gmt.
7375kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 09:50gmt.
7384kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 12:06gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 09:04gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO LUCE, at 10:50gmt.

Conditions today were fair, with most signal we heard being well audible, except for occasional teleprinter interference. Thanks to logs this week from David (Norwich), Stuart (Staffordshire), Podney (Cornwall), Neal West (Midlands), South Surrey Monitoring

Radio Kristel International were announcing that they would be making their final broadcast on Sunday 27th November.

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NEW MERCHANDISE. You should all by now be in possession an up-to-date merchandise list, along with our pre-Christmas sales list. Don't worry if you have not got an order form. Just jot your order down on a piece of paper. Please order early for Christmas, especially the items for which we have to sent abroad. If you would like further copies of both the sales sheets, or have a friend who would like one, please drop us a line, or call during office hours (9am to 5pm) on (0253) 882017.

New for the first time this week, is the **Radio 558 Jingle Single**. This 7 inch, 45rpm record has studio quality recordings of the Radio 558 jingles on one side, and the commercials used on the station on the other side. The record comes in a plain white sleeve, and costs just £3.00 including postage and packing.

Back in stock at last, is the book **Caroline II - A Story in Photos**. This has a colour cover featuring the Ross Revenge, and is printed on semi-glossy paper. The beginning contains 9 pages of text in both English and Dutch, with a brief history of the station. There then follows over 65 pages of bi-lingual captioned photographs tracing the history from the 1970's through until the relaunch of Caroline from the Ross Revenge in 1983. The cost is £7.00 including postage and packing. Also returning to our shelves is the cassette version of **Another Ten Years of Offshore Radio**, from E.A.P. This 2 hour long cassette filled with airchecks from 1974 until 1988, costs just £10.00 including postage and packing.

Finally this week, just a reminder that with the impending legislation in the Irish Republic, the story of independent radio in this country up until early 1988 can be read about, in the excellent 166 page book by Peter Mulryan - **Radio Radio**. It will be sad to see the end of the many free radio stations in Eire who have entertained many millions for the past decade, but at least they can be remembered at any time, if you have a copy of this book in your collection. Price for this piece of radio history is £6.50 including postage and packing.

NEW ARRIVALS. C.L.C.G. Magasin No. 10/88 has 24 pages in A4 size. It is written entirely in the German language, and features newspaper clippings, shortwave listings, offshore information and radio news from central Europe. For details

P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

write to : C.L.C.G., Postfach 54 01 01, D-4100 Duisberg 11, West Germany.... The November edition of **Contact** from the World DX Club is now out. A sample copy costs 70p (or 2 IRC's), and as well as the regular loggings, news and up-dated schedule information, there are many very interesting contributions from club members, on various aspects of radio, both current and historical. This is well worth a read, so write for your copy to, Arthur Ward, 17 Motspur Drive, Northampton NN2 6LY, England.

TAPE OFFER. First of all, due to problems with the master of Tape 228, 2-DAY has been removed from the list, and replaced with a tape featuring two Sydney AM stations 2UW and 2CH. We apologise for the inconvenience.

This week, with all the current anniversaries of frequency changes of Radio Caroline, we delve into the archives and for Tape SP-19 have come up with the very first split service test transmission from the Ross Revenge. As you will probably remember, when **Radio Caroline** was on 963kHz during the Summer of 1984, a second transmitter was put into service on 594kHz. This channel was unsuitable due to an ILR station in Kent on 603kHz, and after only a few days was altered to 576kHz. This particular recording was made in the early hours of 17th October 1984, and features Mike Barrington announcing the first ever split tests. The tape was in the main taken from 576kHz, but there is the odd flick to 963 for checking purposes. This was recorded in Ipswich, but even though the quality is very good, the foreign station can just be heard in the background. John Lewis takes over for the breakfast show following the end of the tests, and this was taken from 963kHz. The second archive recording this week, SP-20, is also from **Radio Caroline**, and takes us back just two years to 13th November 1986, when Mark Matthews could be heard hosting one of his popular breakfast shows. As with many other staff on the vessel at that time, Mark has now found himself on Kent's Invicta Radio. Hear how he used to sound on Kent's other 'local radio station', Radio Caroline. Both the above recordings are 90 minutes in length and cost just £2.00 each.

CAROLINE MOVEMENT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL. The CM is holding a Christmas social on Saturday 3rd December, at the Aldborough Hatch Community Centre, Aldborough Road North, Newbury Park, Essex. The event will run from 7pm until 11pm, and costs £5 for members and £7.50 for non-members. Guest offshore radio personalities, films, stalls, an exhibition and a bar will be featured. Tickets are obtainable in advance from : Christmas Tickets, BCM-BRFM, London WC1N 3XX.

FOR SALE. A selection of L.P.'s, some new, some second hand, containing D.J. and station theme tunes and other interesting items. Send for free list to L.P. Offer, P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE. All items in stock here.

RADIO STATION NEWS : IRELAND. With less than two months remaining before the 'big switch off', there is very little to report as regards new stations, which isn't really surprising. Those already on the air, and audible here on the U.K. west coast have been very consistent recently, with only odd breaks in transmissions being noted. With Winter reception conditions now building up, although station signals are suffering in their primary reception area, this means that somewhere in Europe that particular station can be listened to. For those DX-ers wishing to catch some of the Irish stations for perhaps the last time, we have a list of the known medium wave operations for just 50p.

Co. DUBLIN. All seems to be well in the city at the moment. Radio Dublin celebrated its birthday at the end of October, and just to say that they are International once again, the shortwave outlet on 6910kHz was re-activated last weekend. The signal is very strong, but the modulation is somewhat

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distorted. The station can now be heard here in Blackpool on all three channels of 1188kHz, 105.2MHz (most times) and 6910kHz. Occasional station Signal FM (106.3) is hoping to be on the air for the final 11 days prior to legislation, and will include a lengthy history of Irish Radio on one of the days. Late comer Hope FM (see above cutting from Sunday World of 30th October) is understood to be doing quite well, and picking up a lot of listeners with its different music format.

Co. MONAGHAN. KISS FM can now be heard in many parts of the U.K. on its new AM channel of 1413kHz. Unfortunately there is a low frequency hum on the signal which at times of high foreign activity, makes listening difficult.

Co. LIMERICK. Several weeks ago we mentioned the AM activity in the area. We now turn to FM. The current band looks as follows... 95.0 Galtee Regional Radio... 95.4 Radio Munster... 97.1 Radio Luimni... 97.7 Radio Vera... 98.7 The Sound Channel... 103.0 Radio Luimni. New in the city is a West Country Radio (Abbeyfeale) relay on 96.2MHz located about one mile from the city centre on the main Dublin Road. W.C.R. also broadcast on 101.3, 94.2 and 96MHz. The Sound Channel, as with many other Irish stations takes the Radio Nova Satellite programmes as an overnight sustaining service.

Co. GALWAY. Current FM line-up here is Coast Hot Hits (100.1 and 102.9)... KFM (99.0)... County Sound (101.0 and 94.3) and Radio West (99.7).

FOR SALE. NOTECARDS / GREETING CARDS with artists pen-drawings of the 'Ross', 'Communicator', and Sealand. Ideal as Christmas cards. Pack of 5, with envelopes costs just £1.00 per pack. Send remittance to: Anchor Productions, 73 Middle Mead, Hook, Hants. RG27 9NX.

WANTED. Three or four badges that say 'Radio Caroline 558 MW', not 'Caroline 558', or someone to make them. High quality only wanted. Contact... Nick Hartley, 10 Linlithgow Close, Papworth Everard, Cambridge CB3 8RX.

OFFSHORE RADIO STATIONS. First of all, we have a request from Doug Sharrard in Leicester, who would like to obtain a tape of a recent broadcast put out on Radio Caroline. A poem / letter from Doug was read out by Andy Bradgate at 04:20 on Monday morning 17th October. If anyone has a recording of the programme, then Doug would be pleased to hear from you at his home address of: 64 Brighton Road, Leicester LE5 0HA.

THE MEDITERRANEAN. On the Peace ship front, a tender on the last weekend in October, brought Brendan Mee back to the ship, and Mike Davis went on his first bit of shore leave. The 31st October saw Richard West host his final show for the station, allowing John MacDonald to have a rest on the ship, after his tiring shore leave! Also arriving with John MacDonald, was another new presenter, John (another one!) Johnson, who did his first programme on 1st November between 03:00 and 06:00. The current line-up is now... 00:00 John MacDonald... 03:00 John Johnson... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 Martin Murphy... 13:00 Brendan Mee... 16:00 Kenny Page... 17:00 John MacDonald... 18:00 Brendan Mee... 19:30 Martin Murphy... 22:00 John Bibby.

There is no further news on the new offshore station. (See cuttings sheet for most recent information). However a letter in this week from John Bibby, who is currently on the Voice of Peace, tells us that their neighbours disappeared late on Friday 28th October, after they had been testing on 918kHz. Apparently they got a bit of transmitter trouble, upped anchor, and went back to the port of Haifa, and that was the last they saw of the ship as of 6th November. John also mentioned that due to there being three Johns in the line-up it has been quite confusing, and as a result he has altered his own name to 'Gary Cooke'. Mike Davis and himself are returning to the U.K. in early December.

Radio Caroline. We start off by going back to Saturday 5th November. Despite previous announcements stating that full 24 hour programmes from Radio Caroline would commence at mid-day on Sunday 6th November, this did not occur. Instead, on Saturday morning, 5th November, there was a series of announcements on the half hour, stating that full daytime broadcasts from Radio Caroline on 558 AM would begin that day at mid-day. At 11:00, the two frequencies split, and a live announcement was made by Steve Conway, that 558 would carry Caroline from 12:00. Continuous music was then played until mid-day, when Steve Masters welcomed everybody to the new daytime service, and programmed through until 14:00. Steve Conway took over at this point and during his programme mentioned that despite the station only being on during the night, they had received many letters of support at the new Spanish address. Chris Kennedy was heard between 16:00 and 20:00, with Andy Bradgate then hosting until an announced midnight. However he did not finish his show, as Steve Conway was on again between 21:00 and closedown at midnight. Sunday 6th November saw the first of a number of additions to the crew. A new voice was heard between 15:00 and around 16:00, calling himself Dave Fisher. He gave out a mass of dedications throughout this short period, and has not been heard of since. Monday morning saw Judy Murphy back on the air, firstly reading the news headlines at 08:30, and then hosting the morning programme. Another new presenter appeared at 13:00, and he turned out to have an American accent, and called himself Chuck Reynolds. Drive-time is back at the old slot of 16:00, and is now being hosted by the returning Nigel Harris. Closedown has been early, at midnight, all week to facilitate engineering work. The line-up has been steady at... 05:00 Steve Masters... 09:00 Judy Murphy... 13:00 Chuck Reynolds... 16:00 Nigel Harris... 20:00 Chris Kennedy. Andy Bradgate appears to have come on shore leave, and was last heard doing the unfinished show on Saturday, 5th November. It is interesting to note that there have been no breakdowns or times off-air this week.

On the news front, Steve Conway is back to running the service on a full time basis. He reads the morning bulletins with the exception of 08:30 (read by Judy Murphy), when he does the international news on Radio 819. Steve also reads the 13:00 and drive-time bulletins. He has a rest in the evening however, with Judy Murphy doing the honours at 21:00, and Nigel Harris at 23:55. The news is before midnight to enable closedown to be bang on 24:00. A new pair of news jingles has been put into use since Saturday - one for the intro and one for the outro. The voice is believed to be that of Blake Williams, although we stand corrected.

The first mention of Radio Caroline's 25th birthday was given out on Thursday evening (10th). This took the form of a request for listeners to send in their top 3 records to enable an 'All Time Top 1000' to be compiled ready for broadcast over the Easter Weekend of 1989. The address is P.O. Box 146, Playa de Aro, Gerona, Spain. Since the return to full time broadcasts, this has been given out numerous times for requests and letters, with it also being stated that all letters will be replied to.

Radio 819. The last full day of Radio 558 was Friday 4th November. At 11:00BST on 5th November, the two transmitters split, with the new Dutch language Radio 819 continuing on 819kHz. Viewpoint 819 is heard each evening, with Radio Caroline being relayed late on.

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LAND-BASED STATIONS : U.K. The provincial free radio stations have been bearing the brunt of raids in recent weeks. Whilst London and The Midlands seem to have been safe recently, and the operators in Leeds are beginning to get back on the air, Merseyside was devoid of MW stations again last week, for what must be the first time in over ten years. On a trip past Manchester last Sunday afternoon, there was no sign of the regular two black community stations, making the North West in general a desperate place for alternative radio listening. We wonder whether the blitz on stations was a taster of things to come on the eve of the impending announcement by Home Secretary Douglas Hurd about the future of broadcasting. Unfortunately during the long awaited announcement this week, most of the proposals, as well as most of the media coverage were to do with television. With such a low priority given by the government to such an important medium, is it any wonder that radio has never developed properly in the U.K. After we had heard all the 'exciting' news about the increase in the number of television channels (and resulting subsequent increase in radio interference!), it was then announced that several hundred community radio stations would be licensed, as well as three new national commercial stations. Don't get excited all

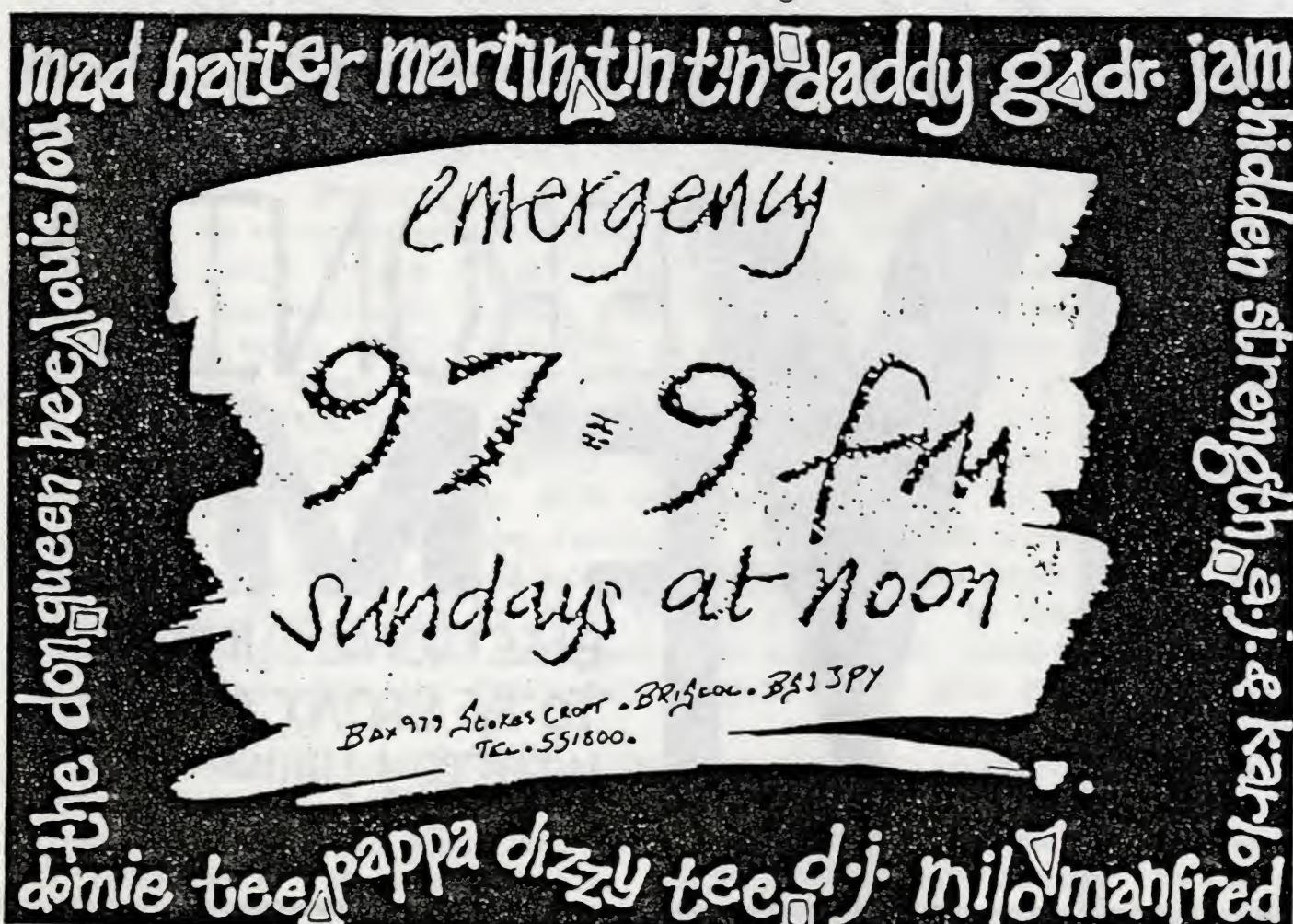
at once though, as these are only just 'proposals', and where have we heard all this before? It's a pity that as much publicity as this is not given by the media, when the 'proposals' are indecently shelved, as they have been many times before. We've had the words, now how about some action!

BRISTOL. Radio For The People (103.7-stereo), does put out information these days (in times past they didn't), and this takes the form of plugs for gigs, competitions, appeals, weather, travel news and even horoscopes were noted on 'Soulful D's breakfast show on Tuesday, 18th October. The station grew very loud during the latter part of that week, and became very distorted. By the weekend however, it had gone the other way, and was noticeably quieter than normal. One technical success for the station this week, is that finally, the annoyance of the 'cutting' in and out of the microphones has come to an end. This has now given the station a much smoother and professional sound. The F.T.P. crew's latest gigs include an appearance at the Mayfair suite, Bristol on the 29th October, where they will be joined by non other than London's Traffic Jam Radio. (Is it defunct or not?) Not to be outdone, rival station Emergency radio (97.9) are co-hosting an evening out on Friday 4th November, and a promotion for this was aired numerous times during their Sunday-only broadcast. Also heard on Sunday 23rd October, was a brand new, very professional set of sung jingles, which was begun to be introduced last weekend, and now seems to be working successfully. It was commented by the regular 'Take Five' London presenter (12:00-14:00), that Emergency Radio had finally got themselves organised, and the next six weeks would see a static line-up every Sunday. He also mentioned that he had brought an aerial from London. It may have been this which worsened an old problem of a 'popping' noise on the edges of the signal, which became particularly bad that day. At 21:30, came the long awaited return of 'Daddy G'. This famous presenter stole the show on Emergency's opening broadcast back in May, when he ID'd the station as B.A.D. Radio (formerly 105.2), to which the studio audience fell about laughing. We wonder if 'Daddy G' is the same presenter as 'Daddy Crucial', who works for Heatwave Community Radio in Nottingham, and who was understood to be visiting a station in Bristol that week? Programmes as usual, ended in the early hours of Monday 24th October.

Having sorted out their technical difficulties of the previous weekend, Savage Yet Tender Radio (104.4-stereo) proceeded to yet again increase their broadcasting hours. The station switched on as normal at 20:00, with a good signal, audio and separation. Several features are now being broadcast, including 'Punk classic of the week', 'Mike Mundane's News Round-Up', and 'Rover's Report'. The latter item is hosted by Pete Tender, and comes complete with recordings made in the stadium (they say), during the matches of the local football team, known quite appropriately as 'The Pirates'. It appears that the station has received a few complaints over the politically inclined material broadcast recently. Perhaps as a result, the nuclear power feature will in future be aired at the end of each broadcast, which will mean it

being on even later next week, when a new 'ska' show is to be introduced. At 21:50 two new recruits Rockin' Mikey B and Porky presented another new show entitled the 'P and M Show'. S.Y.T. Radio was last monitored that evening around 22:20, but had disappeared for unknown reasons a few minutes later. We await our next report from Terry, to see if the DoT men were the reasons, as the provincial stations have been suffering more than their fair share in recent weeks.

LONDON. Before we carry on the U.K. section, with another excellent report from Sid, we have a request from a reader in Sweden, who would like to obtain high quality recordings of London VHF pirates. In order to exchange such tapes, he has an extensive list of over 700 recordings from stations all around the world. If you are in a position to oblige, write to : Peter Scherwat/FRC Sweden, P.O. Box 412, S-891 28 Ornskoldsvik, Sweden. Peter is particularly interested in the black music formats, along with top 40, but not the heavier rock music.



London Weekend Survey.
4th - 7th November 1988.

A Star changes orbit but has the Solar system gone Super-Nova? It's all quiet on the home front and even LWR has made an appearance - but will they have to give the transmitter back?

It has been a quiet weekend, indeed a relatively quiet week, with the only fireworks around being in the sky, although a few were heard on the air. It has been quiet enough for engineering improvements to start creeping in, as some stations up-grade for stereo output. Peckham's SKY Radio (91.7 st.) pushed the button during the week and London Arab (89.7 st.) were heard briefly in stereo on Friday night with what sounded like the Arabic version of 'Terry and June'. It may just be co-incidence but Saturday was the day that the London to Brighton 'Old Crocks Race' took place, and also saw the quiet return to air of battered veterans, LWR (92.1). They were testing overnight with a loop tape and resumed programming on Sunday morning with a nice clean mono signal on their home frequency, where they have not been heard since October 20th. Some of the down time has been put to good use, as there was evidence of a fair amount of polish to the new promos being aired.

At least two new outfits were testing this weekend, one in the 93 region, which has suddenly got very busy, and the other up around the very dodgy 99 sector. Whilst soul music was heard over the weekend on 96.6, from an unidentified source, just above robot poppers 'New' Hits FM (98.4) and the midlands transmitter of Radio 1 on 98.6, a number of short bursts of soul were heard over Friday and Saturday night. The usual clicks and buzzes of a station being plugged together did not go beyond the snatches of stereo soul heard. Each time they switched off, the Mets. could be heard chattering away underneath, so maybe they had second thoughts, as nothing else was heard from them. Meanwhile, a bit to the left, and New Cross Joy Radio (97.8) appeared in a sea of mush on Friday evening, which had cleared by the following morning. The mush may have been their own transmitter going off balance, or possibly caused by Stage FM (98.0) which was only clearly resolved on Saturday. They went out on Sunday.

Down on the 93 sector, the new reggae driven Harp FM (93.2 st.) took to the air and was heard testing in the early hours of Saturday morning. It is not clear if they were on over the rest of the weekend, as the sector got very crowded and went rapidly downhill. Announcing a frequency of 93.25 stereo, they were joined on the same slot on Saturday by stereo soul weekenders Starpoint Radio (93.2 st.), whose blockbuster signal obliterated any chance of being certain of Harp's continued existence. Even so, Starpoint was not received in the usual crystal clear manner. What might have been Harp was heard in the early hours of Monday morning, when an endless stream of Acid House was heard, but with no ID's. Star Radio (93.1) have made a move down from the crowded area of 103, which is thought to have happened on 29th October, and was at that time considered to have been Solar 93, sounding decidedly odd. A further complication happened on Sunday, when an unidentified stereo signal was heard on the down side of Star, but was not readily resolvable. This may or may not have been Solar 93, who have not definitely been clocked since Saturday 22nd October. Presumably at some future date Solar 93 will seek to re-establish their presence in the sector which will then result in one unholy mess. So there we are, at least one unidentifiable signal, and the sector is now the very messy home of the similarly sounding Solar 93, Star, Starpoint and Harp. With Star having moved off 103, it is clear that WNK (102.8) are still coming out of their N.E. London base. This also leaves the area more habitable for Wallington's super little SLR to return to 103.2. SLR were believed to have been testing at various times over the weekend but nothing was actually heard, so it now looks like a full scale return for this coming weekend. In the meantime, pop/rock 'n' roll radio has again been poorly served with only the robot top forty tape loopers 'New' Hits FM (98.4) in evidence.

Things aren't all bad on the pop front as news was received this week of S.E. London based short waver Wonderful Radio Free London (WFRL) which has been a regular international SW broadcaster for several years. Recent moves have seen forceful owner / programme controller, Andy Walker, in

an expansionist frame of mind, as additional days, frequencies and even split services are initiated. Rarely mentioned in the home radio press, but still a consistent force with mail being received from all over the world, they go out on Sundays, with some Saturdays and the occasional Wednesday thrown in as well. A recent innovation has been the introduction of well known publisher / writer / radio personality, Roger Ross, who supplies a weekly DX service. WFRL is currently using some or all of the following frequencies... 6300, 7245, 9970 and 12108kHz.

News is already beginning to filter through of special projects being lined up for Christmas, including a one-off, multi-frequency appearance of a short lived golden groover, whose studios and links are still in place and simply need to have the main transmitter wired back before blast off. AM rockers and sixties specialists, SRE are still lined up for a Christmas kick off and no doubt there will be others.. Alice's for instance?

The Greeks haven't had too good a time of it this week, with only LGR (88.4) putting in a consistent performance. GRL (96.1) were only clocked in the early hours of Sunday morning, whilst GCR (104.4) were noted from Sunday evening onwards. Southall's SRI (90.8) haven't been heard, but that may well be down to the now very powerful E. London, WLIB (90.9) on one side, and Brixton's Passion Radio (90.7) on the other side, masking them completely from all but the local district. No other Asian stations have been heard for some time now.

N. London soul weekenders, Studio FM (92.7) are the latest in a long line of outfits, who have seen fit to move offices, and judging by the new reception pattern, TX sites also. They have moved to the increasingly popular east end of town, which has a number of very high blocks to choose from. Recent arrivals in this area include Sunrise, WLIB, Stage, Star and the disappointingly brief, Red Hot FM. Studio are all set to celebrate their birthday in public, with a gathering of the faithful on November 22nd, at Dingwall's Dance Hall on Camden Lock. As weekenders, they are now amongst the veterans, along with Kiss, Solar 93 and Starpoint.

The inactivity from the London Lubianka was reflected in the number of stations logged this weekend, which climbed to a total of 34, of which 8 managed to include some stereo content.

Also heard were :- Euro Jam (89.5), RJR (90.0), RTR (90.3), KISS (94.0 st.), CCR (94.2), City (94.6), SIR (96.9), Time (102.2), Pioneer (Sunday only - 102.5), Fresh (103.3), People's (103.7 st.), JBC (104.3) and Tropical (105.1)."

Our thanks as always to Sid for his latest offering.
MERSEYSIDE. Many thanks to Tim Jackson for sending us his notes on the past month's radio scene, which fills in one or two gaps. During Radio Merseywaves 7 day operations, Tuesday 11th October saw DJ Sidney give a warning that the DTI were in the area, and asked that all available DJ's stand guard. The message got to other stations, and North Coast Radio closed early that night. (NCR haven't been heard since 16th). On Saturday 15th, a band called 'Hit and Run' were to do a live appearance on the KtC Show at 15:30, however the station was raided at around 15:20. Later, Storeton Community Radio went off mid-record at 16:12, and haven't been noted since. RMW re-appeared on 22nd/23rd October with makeshift equipment, in order to publicise the sponsored walk of the 23rd. They haven't been heard since. Radio Atlantis has not been noted by Tim since closedown on Monday 24th October.

Friday (11th November) again saw silence on 1197 and 1242kHz. However, a strong carrier was noted on 1350kHz. Audio came on at lunchtime - North Coast Radio is back!

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. It looks as though the DTI may well have been out on the rounds again this week, as after only nine full days of transmissions since their last raid, Rapid FM (98.0) fell silent again sometime on Thursday morning (10th). Programming was still in evidence at breakfast time, as The Godfather took over from The Fox at 07:00, but they haven't been noted since. Peoples FM (104.7) have operated each day, and Music City Radio (90.3) have been noted occasionally in the evenings. Across in Bradford, Paradise City Radio (104.9) has operated daily with no apparent breaks in its 24 hour schedule. Elsewhere in West Yorkshire, Telstar Radio (105.45) returned to the air last Sunday for an evening broadcast, and Thunder Radio were also on at the same time on 104.5MHz.

Further South, Radio Britannia made its last transmission on 105.6MHz on Friday evening (4th). The station expects to be back on a new frequency around 98.0MHz this week with tests. Village Radio made a special bonfire night broadcast on 105.0MHz, on Saturday evening. The station was also on the air Sunday afternoon, during which time the operator was messing with the transmitter, with the result that it ended up on 105.35MHz. It was still on this channel for the regular Tuesday transmission. Rebel Radio (105.4) made it on the air on Monday night between 20:00 and 22:00. N-FM were noted with Mark Richards on Saturday evening between 19:45 and 21:30 on 105.6MHz, giving out an address of : 11 Cook Close, Old Tupton, Chesterfield.

Heatwave Community Radio (105.05) from Nottingham were heard regularly until Friday morning (11th) when they were noted missing.

THE SOUTH COAST. Faze FM (105.2) did make it to the air on Sunday 6th November, although they appeared to be having a few problems at the beginning of the transmission with the signal cutting in and out. According to announcements heard at the beginning of one of the shows, they were to be on the air once again in a fortnight.

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ESSEX / BEDFORDSHIRE. Inner City Radio (105.6) returned to the air last Sunday afternoon, following the DTI raid of three weeks ago. Signal was said to be good. Also returning to the air after several months was Radio Hot Wire on 105.2MHz. An unidentified carrier was noted on 98.0MHz in the Canvey area, but no identification was given. Across in the Luton area, Network FM are currently operating 24 hours per day, seven days a week schedule on 105.2MHz. Format of this station is reggae and soul. Jive FM (104.4) were again heard operating during the past week.

THE MIDLANDS. The main news this week, is the opening of another new station, called L.B.C.R. This apparently stands for Local Black Country Radio. They were first noted on Sunday 6th November from 21:30 onwards. The music is mostly chart and oldies, and ranges from soul/funk to heavy metal. It is understood that Sunday's broadcast was a test transmission, and they have been heard each evening since. Hours of transmission are announced as 18:00 until

02:00, although on 7th November they were heard at 16:45.

The 'engineering tests' which have been going on for some weeks now around 105.8MHz, were heard again on 2nd and 6th November. On 9th November a Radio Orion show was aired between 14:10 and 15:00. An address for the tests, which are announced as being in preparation for an A.O.R. station, is c/o Tony Stevens, P.O. Box 1280, Rednall, Birmingham B45 8SQ.

Elsewhere, the regulars Radio P.C.R.L. (103.6), Enterprise FM (91.9) and Powerhouse Radio (105.1) have all had a trouble free week. On 6th November, Powerhouse were testing a radio link for an outside broadcast from the Powerhouse Radio Bonfire. After the tests, most of the broadcast came from the bonfire site. Fresh FM (95.0) was heard for its regular weekend schedule on 5th and 6th November. Asian Radio Broadcast (ARB) was heard with evening transmissions on Monday 31st October and also on the following two nights on 105.6MHz. Their fellow station Midland Asian Community Radio (MACR) were just monitored once, on Saturday evening, (5th) on 106.5MHz.

Wolverhampton's Skyline Radio is heard each evening on 94.3MHz, with transmission starting as early as lunchtime on some Saturdays and Sundays.

SHROPSHIRE. WR - The Hot FM had another successful end of the month broadcast on 30th October, and could be heard over a wide area on 105.55MHz. Sunshine Radio can usually be heard on a Sunday on 1017kHz, although no correspondent has mentioned them for a couple of weeks.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Log for Sunday 6th November 1988.

- 6205kHz...RADIO FAX, at 10:55gmt.
- 6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 10:59gmt.
- 6225kHz...RADIO GEMINI, at 10:04gmt.
- 6231kHz...W.L.R., at 12:09gmt.
- 6240kHz...RADIO TITANIC INT., at 09:37gmt.
- 6280kHz...RADIO SEAGULL, at 10:56gmt.
- 6280kHz...RADIO WEST (relay), at 11:28gmt.
- 6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:32gmt.
- 6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:17gmt.
- 6312kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 12:03gmt.
- 6318kHz...STAR INTERNATIONAL, at 09:13gmt.
- 6558kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 11:04gmt.
- 6815kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:02gmt.
- 6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 13:25gmt.
- 6820kHz...RADIO SEAGULL, at 08:39gmt.
- 6820kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:20gmt.
- 6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN INT., at 11:40gmt.
- 7316kHz...I.R.R.S., at 08:46gmt.
- 7316kHz...RADIO SUESAN, at 10:48gmt.
- 7375kHz...RADIO DJ, at 10:26gmt.
- 7375kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 11:38gmt.
- 7385kHz...RADIO U.S.A., at 09:07gmt.
- 7385kHz...W.F.R.L., at 11:35gmt.

Due to other commitments our own logs this week were only for part of the morning. During this period, signals here were particularly poor (hence the number of unidentifies), with the Irish stations being the best. Radio Dublin was heard here for the first time in several months, with excellent strength, but still having modulation problems.

Many thanks this week to Stuart (Staffs.), Roy (Derby), Neal (Midlands) for supplying shortwave logs this week.

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Also understood to be going on the air over Christmas, but unfortunately for the very last time, are Spectrum Leisure Communications. Listeners should look out on either 25795kHz or 25858kHz for these final programmes. The programme will probably be on the air in a continuous loop tape for around a week, with sign-on being around Christmas Day itself.

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NEW ARRIVALS. Plenty of reading matter this week, starting with the November issue of **Activity Magazine**. This one covers just shortwave free radio stations in its 20 pages. News and comments on the 48 and 41 metre bands is included as well as features which this month are the WFRL Story, and a history of the former SW operation, Radio Mercury. For your copy send a £1 coin taped to a card, to **Activity Magazine**, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH.... Also dedicated entirely to shortwave, is **Radiotelex**. This is published every two weeks, and gives logs and station news for those periods. For subscription information write to Radiotelex, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D-4100 Duisberg

12, West Germany.... Staying on the continent, issue 170 of the Dutch language publication **Freewave** is now available. This contains information and features on all aspects of radio. Some photos are usually included also. For a sample copy and subscription details, write to Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, The Netherlands.... **Horizon** is the newsletter of the Thanet Branch of the Caroline Movement, and issue 6 is now available. Contents include the August and September Caroline line-up charts, the first in a series of articles on the history of offshore radio as well as other bits and pieces. Just send a first class stamp along with an s.a.e. for your copy, to 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JQ.... Legal and alternative radio information and news is contained each week in **Now Radio** which can be obtained from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW... Finally this time, **PLAY-DX No. 225** contains 6 pages of DX logs for the past week, a solar activity report and other useful information for long distance radio listeners. Your contact for a sample copy is Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158-Milano, Italy

TAPE OFFER. Tape 229 features the Chicago country music station **WUSN-FM (US-99)**. Doug Wilson is your host for this afternoon show (15:00-16:30) of music which is more rock orientated than one would imagine by the title, 'country'. Unusually for an FM station these days, there are plenty of jingles and promotions for the station.

It's back into the archive for our next selection, SP-21, which takes us to Saturday 24th November 1984. At this time **Radio Caroline** was still broadcasting on 963kHz, but parallel transmissions on 576kHz were off the air due to a burnt out modulation transformer. Two weeks after this recording was made, 576kHz returned to the air, and **Radio Monique** began a full daytime schedule on 963kHz, making **Radio Caroline** a full time resident at the bottom end of the band, where they have been ever since. This particular show has Brian Allen with John Lewis popping in for a chat, and makes interesting listening with many of the adverts and jingles which haven't been heard for some time. The recording was made in Ipswich. Both above cassettes are 90 minutes in length and cost just £2.00 each.

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RADIO STATION NEWS : IRELAND. With medium wave conditions now approaching their worst, it is becoming extremely difficult to monitor many Irish operations. However on Tuesday 16th November, we were treated to some superb FM conditions, and stations from the Dublin area were brought booming in. All the regulars were heard including all four Sunshine 101 channels (100.3/100.7/101.1/101.5MHz) as well as all four Super Q outlets (99.9/101.9/102.3/103.0MHz), Class 98.5FM (98.5), Hope FM (104.4), Gold FM (103.55), North Dublin Community Radio (105.55), Southside/Nova (94.9) and Treble T R Radio (99.5). Conditions were so good, that we heard two stations from Dublin for the first time. Heartbeat FM on 95.5MHz has always eluded us because of a powerful local BBC Radio Lancashire relay on the same channel. However, the signal from Heartbeat was so good, that it completely blocked the BBC output. We hear that the station may well have recently installed a new, more powerful transmitter, so perhaps this had something to do with it. Also newly heard here was Q-107 on 106.95MHz. This station has been reported as being on the air for a considerable time, and obviously operate a full schedule, as they were monitored throughout the day. Also heard was another relay of the Radio Nova Satellite Link on

106.7MHz. The station we stopped on, to listen for the majority of the afternoon, was Capitol Radio on 95.8MHz. This was also obliterating a BBC local station, this time it being Radio Merseyside. However, listening to Capitol was much better than the what was underneath. Capitol has stuck to its guns, and continued over the years from its beginnings around 1978 on 1331kHz medium wave, to provide an alternative album/rock/new music format to Dublin City. It is always great to listen to this station, which not only plays music that isn't aired elsewhere, but is also giving much required airtime to 'up and coming' rock bands. The afternoon show we listened to featured a 'Guaranteed Irish' hour, during which not only were recognised bands and music played, but also demo tapes from newly formed Irish groups. This is a much needed station in a capital city, and we wonder what will happen not only to fans of this type of music, but the bands, when legislation comes into force. Will they then, as in the U.K., have to be satisfied with a handful of hours per week on 'legal' radio? We hope not.

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Co. DUBLIN. Last Sunday's (13th) 'Bop Shop' on Super Q-102 was understood to be the last to be presented by Bill Cunningham, who has now gone back to America. Tim Kelly (ex-Energy) is now reported to be working on the station. The station mentioned earlier, Q-107 (106.95) is operating from Ballyfermot and has a telephone number of 267698. Other stations currently operating in Dublin include Centre FM from Baldoyle on 94.1MHz (daily 5pm-11pm and weekends 10am-11pm). They have a telephone number of 391143. Smile FM (94.3) operate daily and have an anorak show at 16:00 on a Sunday. 3CR / Clondalkin Community Radio are still on the air on 94.8MHz. Nova on 94.9 can be received in all areas not covered by 3CR.

Co. LOUTH. Boyneside Radio's 1305kHz outlet is one of the few to be heard on this side of the 'wet bit' after dark. The station has been operating an outside broadcast this week from Supervalu in downtown Drogheda. Afternoon presenter Heddy Eddie was heard talking to shoppers, taking requests and giving away lots of prizes.

Co. MAYO. Twin County Radio from Ballina, are now operating on 94.15MHz, but are still identifying as TCR 95FM. Power is understood to be 50 watts into four dipoles, but this will shortly be increased to 300 watts. Some low power relays are also to be put into operation soon, to serve some of the towns just out of the high signal strength. A low power rig is also in operation for Ballina on 103MHz.

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OFF-SHORE RADIO STATIONS.

ISRAEL. The new radio station has still not returned to the air as of 9th November. The Voice of Peace still continues to operate as normal, with Abie having now returned with his 'phone-in' from 15:00 until 17:00. Monday 7th, saw Mike Davis back from his last shore leave. Kenny Page and Gary Cook (John Bibby) went off at the same time. It is understood that Martin Murphy, Gary Cook and Mike Davis will be all leaving at the beginning of December. The line-up for the week of 8th November was... 00:00 John MacDonald... 03:00 Brendan Nee... 06:00 Mike Davis... 09:00 Martin Murphy... 13:00 John Johnston... 15:00 Abie Nathan... 17:00 John MacDonald... 18:00 Mike Davis... 19:30 Martin Murphy... 22:00 John Johnston.

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THE CHANNEL ISLANDS. Due to lack of space over the past few weeks, we have kept shelving a piece on the stations based in France, which serve the Channel Islands. Whilst **Radio Force Seven** (99.1) only operates in English for a short period each day, and the rest of the programming is aimed at France, new arrival **Contact 94** is the complete opposite, and mainly English language programmes are featured. This station began operating in early September on 94.4MHz, but changed to 93.8MHz at 09:00 on September 13th. Since then, a second transmitter has been introduced on 97.7MHz. The former channel is now apparently inaudible in the Channel Islands (beamed at another area?), leaving 97.7 as the frequency to look out for should you visit the islands. As well as the Channel Islands, reception is possible over a large part of the South Coast of England, and in fact, we even heard **Contact 94** ourselves here in Blackpool during the past week on this frequency. A couple of well known names to offshore enthusiasts have been heard on the station. Kevin Turner has been on the air since it opened (on the breakfast show), and John Tyler (afternoons) is also at the station. Kevin is reported to be about to leave, although we have no confirmation of this. Other presenters include Neil McLeod (who formerly worked on stations in the Irish Republic), Steve Ryan, Chris Stuart and Liam Mayclen. The French programming is presented by Danielle Berrau, and is broadcast in the evenings between 20:00 and midnight. The Nova Nite Network is taken between midnight and 06:00. It is interesting to note that Contact 94 has its programmes listed in the Channel TV Times, and the station has an address in the islands c/o Corrigan Marketing Ltd., 5 The Esplanade, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands.

LAND-BASED RADIO STATIONS : U.K.

GLASGOW / RENFREWSHIRE. **Radio Mercury** (103.5) were raided by the DTI a couple of weeks ago, on a Sunday afternoon. Apparently the station was located in a shop on the northside of Glasgow, and operated on a time switch, with the three hour programmes being recorded and replayed via a video cassette recorder. The transmitter went off mid-programme, and when the operator came to change the tape during the early part of the week (the shop was closed on Sunday), the DTI were waiting. All the equipment was believed to be confiscated.

Last Sunday saw a new station, **Paisley Free Broadcasting Service** on the air around 99.6MHz. They were noted between 16:30 and 22:45 that evening.

Radio Unicorn are believed to have received their equipment back, and hope to recommence broadcasting soon. This station used to operate each Monday evening on 103.2MHz, until the DTI struck.

STAFFORDSHIRE. Sunday 13th November saw **Centre Sound** on the air from around 11:00 until mid-afternoon. The signal on 97.7MHz was reported as being excellent, as was the audio quality.

LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY : 11th-15th November 1988.

This week, the phoenix like return of two old work horses. A Fresh contestant proves she has an IQ almost as high as their frequency. 'The Phantom' rides again - but for how much longer, and London gets the SOBA.

The absence of SE London's Joy FM and Stage Radio from the 98 sector, proved too much temptation for two recently re-activated projects from the recent past. Both **Faze 1** (98.10) and Wembley's **Traffic Jam Radio** (97.9) made appearances over the weekend. Faze 1 were last heard regularly in April, and then sporadically until July. They were originally out of Brixton, but are believed to have moved base further East, before running out of money and room. Traffic Jam Radio just suddenly stopped in mid-July after an amazing hassel free ride of 16 months. They started with very localised coverage, but gradually increased their service area to cover the majority of London. They are now back to 7 day / 24 hour operations, on a medium power, with the LEB humming along in the background. Thursday 24th November sees the opening of the Oxford Radio 1 transmitter on 98.2, to co-incide with the 7pm start of 'Top of the Pops'. It remains to be seen how much effect this will have on this sector.

No signs yet of the return of SLR or Rock-FM, or indeed of the very fed up lads at Studio FM. Studio have just lost yet another tx to 'The Phantom TX Nicker of Old London Town', and are suitably miffed at the whole affair. However, things may not be as black as they appear, as industry sources claim that the net is gradually tightening around 'The Phantom', or possibly Phantoms! Industry insiders,

increasingly concerned at the damage he is doing, are coming together to exchange and collate information. Two theories have held sway recently. Two men, one elderly and both white, have been seen in the vicinity of a number of tx thefts over the last year. It is thought that they may be SW Hams who are fed up with the whole pirate issue and have taken the matter into their own hands, vigilante style. The other, and more damaging, because of the higher rate of theft, concerns two men who are stealing tx's, and are then believed to be selling them on as their own manufactured goods. At least one, and possibly both, are connected with a major South London privateer, and are not immune from threatening violence. Sources, who wish to remain anonymous, say that once proof positive is gained, especially as to their real names and addresses, retribution will be swift - but legal. So, maybe the wrath like figure of The Phantom will not be stalking the tower blocks of London for much longer. **KISS-FM** (94.0-stereo) are also believed to have been affected by The Phantom, and it is believed that this is behind their move from south of the Thames, to Camden a week or two back. At least since the move, tx losses seem to have been lower. It has meant a diminished signal for South London, and the necessity to switch into mono when listening.

On the day that the national newspapers reported the drop in drink related offences by 25%, London got SOBA. **The Sound of the Big Apple** (102.5) coming out of SW London, burst on the scene on Monday 14th November, taking advantage of the vacant slot left by the recently silenced Pioneer. They are putting out a big, good quality signal, in the normal black music format, although no reggae has been heard so far. Whether Pioneer will attempt to get back on this slot, remains to be seen.

The economic affluence coming to some popular privateer jocks, is becoming the envy of some of their more erstwhile colleagues in ILR. This can be seen in the Yippie like life styles, increasingly being adopted by some hard working jocks. While many jocks still make use of 'pager services', to stay in instant contact with the listening public, a growing number have opted for the very expensive executive style personal telephone. Popular **Passion Radio** (90.7) jock, Commander B, has pushed his daily evening drive-time reggae show to high in the popularity stakes, especially with his 'Six-in-a-Row' slot, and uses his portable phone constantly. He must be one of the most hard working of jocks, as he is constantly in demand, judging by the number of events who feature him prominently on the bill. Who says there's no money in pirate radio?

Friday lunchtime's 'Hip-Hop' styled, 'Dinner Time Dancing' on Harlesden's **Fresh FM** (103.3) proved highly entertaining this week, as contestants struggled to name the white lines in the middle of the road. This particular phone contest had been chosen, as the management believed previous phone-in contests had been too easy. Finally, Veronica, a local student from Harlesden, with a little prompting, managed to correctly identify 'The Hazard Lines', 'The Lane Lines', and the meaning of the two continuous lines in the centre of the road. Well done Veronica, the future of England is safe in the hands of people like you!

TV viewers in one SE London block, got a shock a little while back, when their TV screens suddenly flickered and then went blank. The cause of the problem was on the roof, where police, and overzealous DoTI Men were removing every aerial in sight, as they were unable to distinguish which was used for receiving TV, or which was a transmitting aerial. (They can be very alike). With intelligence like that, perhaps they should employ Veronica from Harlesden when she graduates. Despite angry protests from the suitably peeved residents, the 'Soul Destroyers' continued to hack and hew at everything on a pole, and carted it all off to the deepest depths of the London Lubianka. LWR, for it was they who had lost the tx, actually managed to get started on the replacement system before the TV aerial contractors arrived to replace the missing TV aerials. On arrival, they were confronted with a massive 20 foot mast already guyed up, and having a huge, two element system on top. Unfortunately for LWR they were not back on the air for long, as it now seems they have lost another studio. All that could be heard over the weekend, was what appeared to be a relay of TV sound, possibly with a mike left open in front of a TV set. This is not the first time LWR have done something like this. At one time, when they had a tx but no studio, they relayed Radio Caroline, the BBC World Service, and to be totally impartial, the Radio Moscow World

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Also touched down on this weekend were... 'New' Hits FM (98.4)... London Greek Radio (88.45)... Greek Radio For London (96.1)... Greek Community Radio (104.45)... An Asian, possibly BCCR (88.6)... London Arab (88.7)... Sunrise (88.7)... Euro-Jam (89.5)... RJR (90.0)... Rock-to-Rock (90.3)... WLIB (90.9)... Sky (91.7)... Harp (93.0)... Star (93.1)... Starpoint (93.2-stereo)... CCR (94.2)... Energy (94.4)... City Radio (94.6)... Strong Island Radio (96.9)... Time Radio (102.2)... WNK (102.9)... Peoples (103.7)... JBC (104.3-stereo) and Tropical (105.1). A total of 31 stations were heard with only 4 being in stereo.

THE MIDLANDS. It seems to be all change this weekend, at least up in the top end of the band. The fun started on Friday 11th November, when KISS FM re-appeared on 105.5MHz, from 22:25 onwards. It was also learned that the short test on the previous Thursday night was also KISS. The signal was reported as excellent, and in stereo. When the station was first heard, the format suggested a test transmission, but programmes had commenced by 23:30. With KISS back on, there were three stations battling it out, the others being Asian Radio Broadcast (105.55) and Local Black Country Radio (105.6). In the end, LBCR had moved up to 106.0MHz, by Saturday evening (12th).

At 22:30 Central TV had a debate on free radio in its "Central Weekend Live" programme. Although the free radio debate was not until part 2 of the show, at the beginning, the presenter had a brief chat with Chicken George of Radio P.C.R.L. Chicken George mentioned that his jobs on the station included political news editor and breakfast show presenter. Before the debate started, the presenter chatted with former Caroline deejay Simon Dee, and Lord Sutch of the Monster Raving Loony Party. Film clips of offshore stations, particularly Caroline, were shown. A representative from BRMB (ILR station for Birmingham) slagged off the pirates with the usual well worn (yawn!) allegations of interference. He claimed that for a ten day period last Christmas, P.C.R.L. had blotted out BRMB all over Birmingham. Cecil Morris of P.C.R.L. dismissed the allegations as lies, and went on to describe the services that the station provided to the community. He was very sceptical about the government's eternal promises to grant licenses, and said that they would only go off the air if P.C.R.L. was guaranteed a license. The presenter suggested that P.C.R.L. had survived mainly because Cecil had never been caught in the act, but Cecil said that there were many other people involved who could continue to run the station. A Powerhouse Radio presenter described the security used by the station, including a video surveillance camera and two-way radios. He mentioned that Powerhouse had suffered four attempted raids. Mikey B of Enterprise FM was next to speak, but unfortunately scored a serious 'own goal', by taking the attitude that only ethnic minorities should operate pirate stations, as 'whites' already had the BBC and ILR. On the positive side however, he did state the arguments for community radio, and mentioned the government's broken promises regarding the farcical Community Radio Experiment. Tony DeVitt of KISS-FM continued, and described KISS as a 'dance music station', pointing out that no news or other information is provided by the station. A representative for the DTI inspectors mentioned the usual stories about violence against them, and stated that there are about 90 R.I.S. inspectors in Britain. At one point, the BRMB spokesman described the pirates very uncomplementarily as 'these people' - the pirates were not pleased, and one stated that they were 'members of the community'. A police spokesman stated that the pirates were breaking the law, and should leave the air and apply for licenses. He took the attitude that those which did not go off, did not deserve licenses. Following the debate, all four stations involved, gave it mentions over the air. Powerhouse were obviously not pleased with comments made against them by Mikey B of Enterprise, and from 13:00 onwards on Saturday, had a phone-in vote to find out the most popular station, PHR or Enterprise. Complaints were levelled that the Powerhouse representative was not given a chance to speak on the show, despite several attempts.

Elsewhere in the area, Fresh FM (95.0) put in the regular weekend schedule starting late on Friday night. Midland Asian Community Radio were heard on 106.5MHz. Sunday 13th saw the tests for the AOR station having moved up to 106.5MHz, and again an old Radio Orion tape was broadcast. Skyline Radio or SLR have been on the air every night on 94.3MHz, and U.K. Radio made a re-appearance on 1413kHz medium wave on Sunday, 13th November. They have a mailing address of P.O. Box 1280, Rednall, Birmingham B45 8SQ. KISS FM are using the old address of c/o Loading Bay Records, 586 Bristol Road. LBCR have an address of 47 Wedgwood Road, Quinton, Birmingham B32 1LP.

Latest news is that KISS FM were last heard on the morning of Monday, 14th November, but had disappeared when checked at 16:30. They haven't been heard since. All other stations have operated as normal, so whether this was a technical problem or the beginning of DTI activity in the West Midlands is not yet known.

NOTTINGHAM. Following a long run with continuous programming, the DTI struck on Friday morning, 11th November, and raided Heatwave Community Radio at 09:45. The channel remained silent until Saturday afternoon, when the station was once again in full swing. The DTI are understood to have only taken the transmitter. Programming has been as normal since, although on a slightly higher frequency of 105.1MHz.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. Paradise City Radio have been on the air throughout the week to Bradford, on 104.9MHz. Radio Veronica made one of its rare appearances on Tuesday evening (15th), on 105.5MHz.

Just two stations have operated in Leeds since Rapid FM disappeared on Thursday 10th November, those being Peoples FM (104.7) and Music City Radio (90.3). M.C.R. seem to have gone back to a weekend only format for the moment. Peoples were noted giving out a dedication line number of (0898) 888888.

Across in Humberside things have been quiet, with Radio Takoradi not being noted last weekend. Also on the eastern side, W.L.N.G. remain quiet for the moment.

In South Yorkshire Rebel Radio were operating on Friday evening 11th November, (unusual for them) with two transmitters on the air. A new channel of 104.8 was added to the regular 105.4MHz. Saturday, and the regular Monday evening broadcasts also saw them using two transmitters. The station seemed to be making a habit of being on the air last week, and were also monitored on Wednesday evening (16th), but this time only on one channel, 105.5MHz. Village Radio made its usual Sunday broadcast, but was all over the band between 104.6 and 105.3MHz. Britannia Radio now broadcast on the new frequency of 98.2MHz, although were heard testing on Thursday 10th November on 97.8MHz. Thursday 17th saw them on at 19:00, on the new channel.

ADVERT. The best (and worst) of W.L.N.G. available now from studio copies, and off air. Scunthorpe's own privateer station on air last year. 90 mins of airchecks, music, ads, etc. £2.00 per copy to : Chris, Ground Floor Flat, 74A Berkeley Street, Scunthorpe, South Humberside DN15 7LN.

BRISTOL. Congratulations all round must go to Radio For The People (103.7-stereo) who at last slipped quietly into a full 24 hour / 7 day schedule during the last weekend in October. The overnight service is staffed by various deejays, and the programming is usually fast and furious, not suited to the time of day at all. At Emergency Radio (97.9-mono) a new advert had been celebrated, it being for a local bazaar. Prior to this only Tony's Records and several gigs/events have been advertised. They put in their regular length broadcast during the final Sunday in October. The 'open access' policy of Savage Yet Tender Radio (104.4-stereo) now seems to be paying off, and it was another week of expansion at the station. The new ska show was aired as promised, and as well as being excellently presented, was the only show during the evening's output to be 'non-risque'. S.Y.T. Radio closed at 23:35 following an hour of rock music.

MANCHESTER. A new 'black music' station, Super Fresh FM, is reported as being heard daily on 98.3MHz. This was understood to be an 'alternative' choice for Laser 10-35 listeners, but they have now gone their separate ways.

MERSEYSIDE. Things remained silent on 1242kHz (Merseywaves) and 1197kHz (Atlantis) again this week. We did expect to hear North Coast Radio on 1350kHz, following their successful broadcast last weekend, however they had still not appeared by Saturday morning (19th). John reports hearing a Downtown Radio on 189 metres last

Sunday. Apparently the deejay said that around Christams they would change their name, and would be known as something 'very well known', with well known presenters. Radio Veronica were also reported heard last Sunday night, with continuous music and jingles.

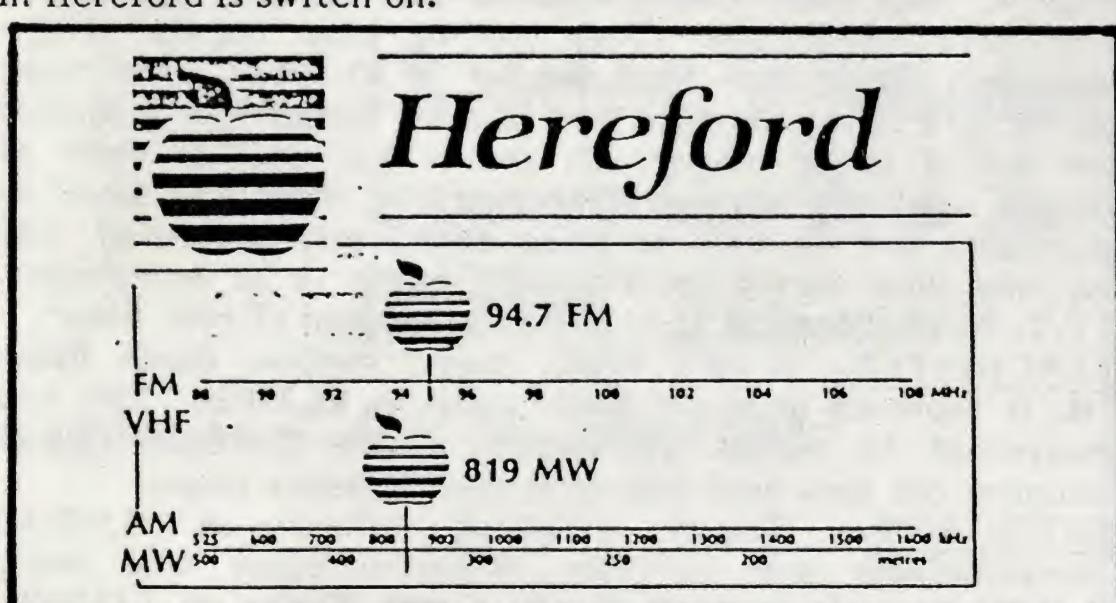
OFF-SHORE RADIO STATIONS.

Radio Caroline. This week sees the first anniversary of the collapse of the giant tower on the m.v. Ross Revenge. At that time, November 1987, the two stations, Radio Caroline and Radio Monique were beginning to do very well on the advertising front, due the consistancy of their signals. Major advertising campaigns were due to begin that December. These were all cancelled when the disaster occurred. From that time on, a band of dedicated engineers and deejays have fought to build the station back up from 'peanut power' on one frequency, to reasonable output on two channels. Work still has to be done, but as always is gradual under such conditions.

Last weekend saw the schedule extended to a full 24 hour operation. To make this possible two of the Dutch crew and an engineer were brought into the line-up. Erwin van der Blieck was actually on the air twice on Saturday (12th), hosting an early breakfast show between 06:00 and 08:00, and then returning in the evening between 20:00 and 23:00. Fellow Dutch presenter Ado Peters followed Erwin at 23:00, and hosted for just one hour until midnight, when engineer Mike Watts was heard until 02:00. Mike was also noted the previous evening, and early Monday morning at the same time. Erwin and Ado also programmed on Sunday night. Steve Conway hosted a programme between 03:00 and 05:00 on Monday morning, although this was believed to be on tape. He has since left the ship, and the news duties are being shared between Chris Kennedy, Nigel Harris and Judy Murphy. The weekday saw a stable line-up, with closedowns once again being at midnight... 05:00 Steve Masters... 09:00 Judy Murphy... 13:00 Chuck Reynolds... 16:00 Nigel Harris... 20:00 Chris Kennedy. Late in the evening, Radio Caroline is actually broadcast on all three frequencies, and this fact is announced by the deejay.

There has been no mention of any engineering work being carried out on the front deck as was expected during the recent fairly calm sea conditions. Perhaps this has been done on purpose in order not to attract any attention. Several readers had asked us to state what the current powers are on the two AM outlets. Before the mast fell, power on 558kHz was thought to be about 8kW. This was then built up to around 4kW during the Summer of 1988. Since the splitting of the stations, this has reduced to around 1kW. This is because the aerial system can only handle a certain total power. The rest of the power is being supplied to the 819kHz outlet, which is currently estimated at about 4kW.

Radio 819 / Viewpoint 819. Reception of 819kHz in Holland is said to be quite good despite the relatively low power, and it being the worst time of year. The station is currently running programmes from 04:00 (although some late starts have been noted), through until 18:00. At this point, Viewpoint 819 begins for the evening, with Johan Maasbach. The exact schedule varies from night to night, but Roy Masters can be heard every night. Following the last religious show, gospel music is played until 21:00, when 819kHz joins Radio Caroline during the news bulletin. The BBC currently have advertising material out for their new service BBC Radio Hereford and Worcester. (See below). It will be interesting to see what problems are caused when the 819 transmitter in Hereford is switch on.



World Mission Radio. This part of the operation seems to be going well, with no apparent breaks in recent times. We finally remembered to listen last weekend to the WMR

Goes DX programme. This goes out every Saturday and Sunday between 10:00 and 11:00 and is hosted by Tom de Wit. Tom is believed to have done programmes on the Sunday shortwave station 'The Mighty KBC', which used to broadcast until recently on the 41 metre band. The programme we heard featured mostly rock music, which was interesting for shortwave, and included mentions for several listeners who had written in via the American address of WMR, P.O. Pox 346, Corona, California 91719, United States. Tom was asking for the many free radio magazines to send them to WMR so that information could be read out on the shows.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Log for Sunday 13th November 1988.

6205kHz...RADIO FAX, at 08:27gmt.

6215kHz...WORLD MUSIC RADIO, at 08:46gmt.

6231kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 11:17gmt.

6231kHz...W.L.R., at 12:35gmt.

6225kHz...RADIO TOWER, at 10:06gmt.

6232kHz...UNID.(German), at 10:08gmt.

6238kHz...UNID., at 10:38gmt.

6240kHz...RADIO TOWER (no time given).

6265kHz...UNID., at 08:46gmt.

6265kHz...RADIO PETER BELL, at 10:00gmt.

6266kHz...FREESOUND RADIO INT., at 11:45gmt.

6270kHz...UNID., at 10:00gmt.

6275kHz...RADIO ATLANTIS SHORTWAVE, at 12:15gmt.

6275kHz...VOICE OF THE NETHERLANDS, at 13:19gmt.

6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:25gmt.

6280kHz...RADIO PANDORA INT., at 12:34gmt.

6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:29gmt.

6300kHz...W.F.R.L., at 10:37gmt.

6305kHz...UNID., at 12:22gmt.

6310kHz...UNID., at 12:40gmt.

6820kHz...RADIO PANDORA INT., at 08:31gmt.

6820kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:14gmt.

6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN INT., at 08:28gmt.

7316kHz...UNID.(I.R.R.S.?), at 08:30gmt.

7316kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 10:21gmt.

7375kHz...RADIO LUCE(?), at 08:33gmt.

7375kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10:01gmt.

7440kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:42gmt.

Conditions today were quite poor at our location with many complete fadeouts, and consequently we had many weak signals which we failed to identify. Many thanks to other contributors to the logs this week, including Roy (Derby), Andy (Hull), Podney (Cornwall), Stuart (Staffordshire), David (Norwich) and Neal (The Midlands).

The unidentified station on 6305kHz was playing continuous music, and faded out before we heard any speech.

The unidentified station on 6310kHz was not decipherable due to extremely distorted modulation.

As promised several weeks ago, Radio Waves International had special programming for their fifth birthday. They were broadcasting using both the regular RWI name, and also the World Communication Service name, on 7440kHz.

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Roger Davis of Britain Radio International has asked us to inform listeners that the station is not running full programmes at the current time, due to a delay in obtaining a replacement part for their studio mixer. No alternative studios are available at present. B.R.I. are looking for listeners to send in recorded Chrsitmas messages for their Boxing Day broadcast, which will be between 10:00 and 13:00. There is also the possibility of a broadcast on Sunday 1st January 1989. The frequency on both these broadcasts will be the regular 6304kHz. All recorded messages should reach the mailing address no later than Wednesday 14th December. (32 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NG).



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DATA PROTECTION: The act of 1984 says we must tell you that names and addresses are stored on computer. We can remove them if you wish, but it will delay replies.

NEW MERCHANDISE: First of all, could everyone please remember to check their envelope each week, to see if it contains a renewal slip. Occasionally these seem to get pushed to the bottom of the envelope, and are missed.

The main information here concerns the postal strike in France, which is affecting the despatch of many items such as Offshore Airchecks tapes, the Ross Revenge Photo Book, Atlantis, London and Forts L.P.'s and of course, the current issue of Offshore Echo's magazine (No. 73), which is now printed. We apologise for this delay which is beyond our control, but can assure everyone that once it is over, all goods will be despatched at high speed. Having stated the above, Offshore Echo's Magazine, Issue 73, did arrive mid-week. This one contains 66 pages, including interviews with Ian Mack, Alan Weiner, Judie Murphy, and John MacDonald. Lengthy news and programme information is given on Radio Caroline, Radio 558 and The Voice of Peace with the text being illustrated by many photographs. Other features include 'Radio Nostalgia', 'Deejay Themes' and 'Where Are They Now'. Cost is £2.00 including postage and packing.

Just a reminder that the special prices of certain merchandise on the 'Pre-Christmas Sale' still apply until the end of December 1988, so order now and save money!

We still have a few of the L.P.'s (new and second hand) mentioned a couple of issues ago, containing D.J. and station theme tunes. Don't hesitate to send for a free list if you are interested.

NEW ARRIVALS: Plenty of reading matter this week, all arriving more or less on the same day. One we forgot to mention last time was the November issue of Medium Wave News. This is published monthly during the Winter, when medium wave DX-ing is at its best. As well as plenty of logs and DX news, there is a special 6 page look at the time signal station WWV, and the use that the information it gives out, can be put to. Enquiries for becoming a member of the Medium Wave Circle can be sent to Harold Emblem, 137A Hampton Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 5DY.... The November issue of Marine Broadcast News is now available priced at £1.30 (U.K.) from MBN, P.O. Box 963, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 6ED. Contained within its 19, A4 pages are the comprehensive 558kHz and 819kHz line-up charts for October 1988, part 2 of 'The Thames Estuary

P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

Forts' by T.P. Joyes, the Offshore Quiz, 'The History of The Coast Guard Service', as well as numerous old newspaper reprints.... The weekly Now Radio is up to edition 84, and contains news and views on the entire radio spectrum in its 28 pages. Subscription details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW... Unusual MW and Tropical Band SW logs are contained in the weekly PLAY-DX (No. 526). For a sample copy send to Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.

TAPE OFFERS: This coming week sees the second anniversary of the beginning of test transmissions from the short lived Laser Hot Hits. The first tests went out on 1st December 1986, but severe technical problems with insulators made the station go off the air after only a couple of weeks. Then in early January 1987, a severe storm caused the collapse of both masts, from which the station never really recovered, despite hard work by the engineers and staff. We have four tapes on offer this week, featuring different presenters, and all sixty minutes in length. Tape SP-22 has Andrew Turner hosting his first show for the station in the early evening of Saturday 6th December 1986. Tape SP-23 is also from that same evening and features American presenter K.C. Tape SP-24 comes from the following morning, Sunday 7th December 1986 (the first 'official' day of broadcasting from Laser Hot Hits 576), on which you can hear David Lee Stone host the first of the 'Magic Motown' programmes, which were actually broadcast from tape each Sunday. Finally for Tape SP-25, we move on to the second 'official' day of programming and take a listen to John Anthony with one of his fast moving afternoon shows. John was certainly the fastest talker to hit the British airwaves for many years. The above four recordings were made in Ipswich and are of excellent quality. All are made on 60 minutes cassettes and cost £2.00 each, or all four can be purchased together for £6.50.

THE COMMUNITY RADIO ASSOCIATION invites you to the 3rd London Community Radio Forum on Monday 5th December 1988 between 6:30pm and 10pm, at Bon Marche, 444 Brixton Road, London SW9 8EJ. An exciting new era for community radio is about to hit London. What will the new legal stations offer Londoners? Who will be bidding, and how can new groups get involved? The evening is aimed at all potential contract bidders, and there will be the opportunity to meet IBA and Home Office officials, equipment manufacturers and CRA workers. Further details from CRA London Development Unit, 119 Southbank House, Black Prince Road, London SE1 7SJ. (Tel: 01 582 7972). Fee at door: £5 Non CRA members/£3 CRA members/£1 unwaged.

RADIO STATION NEWS : IRELAND

Co. DUBLIN. Little to report from all areas this week including the city. Super Q-102 had a few problems with the 819kHz transmitter during the week. The carrier appeared to be on, but the modulation was inaudible at times. It appeared to be back to normal by Thursday afternoon however. During the 'down time', Cavan Community Radio could be heard loud and clear underneath. The actual signal strength on 819kHz from Q-102 is much stronger than that on 738kHz (at least in our area). 738kHz suffers quite badly in the afternoon from foreign interference due to the lowish power. Sunday saw Tim Kelly hosting 'The Bop Shop' for the full six hours. Bill Cunningham's voice can still be heard in the programmes on some of the links/promos. During the week, the station had outside broadcasts beginning at 10:00 each morning from the Dun Laoghaire Shopping Centre.

FM conditions were again surprisingly good this week, with Dublin stations still being heard well. Radio Dublin was still not audible here on 105.2MHz however.

Co. LOUTH. The appearance of yet another BBC Radio

1 relay on the FM band has caused Rainbow Radio at Carrickcarnon to think about moving its FM outlet. The new Radio 1 transmitter has been put on 96.0MHz, and will serve the Belfast area. With Rainbow on 96.1MHz, this would mean that its signal into Belfast would be greatly affected. As a result, they are expected to move up the band possibly to 104.1MHz. Their AM outlet remains unchanged on 1152kHz.

Co. MONAGHAN. The hum on 1170kHz now seems to have disappeared. Not actually hearing any modulation, we are still unsure as to whether this was the second transmitter of KISS FM, or another station having popped up on the channel, when KISS moved the 5kW rig to 1413kHz. The latter channel is doing very well during both the night and day, with many reports reaching us from the South of England, where even in the car it can be received clearly at times. (Unusual skip conditions?)

Co. WESTMEATH. Radio West have been well down in power recently on 702kHz. This has made monitoring of the station difficult here on all but a narrow bandwidth receiver, due to severe sidesplash from BBC Radio 2 on 693kHz.

Co. WATERFORD. With the impending legislation looming nearer every day, ABC Radio are currently asking listeners etc., to write in to the station pledging support. Major rival WLR have formed a South East Broadcasting Co., with some business people and the community in the city. Both stations are confident of obtaining the license, and with two contrasting formats, it would be a shame for listeners choice to lose either one. Both stations are well respected in the city, WLR having been on the air for almost 10 years, with ABC (who originally started in a caravan at the holiday resort of Tramore) coming a close second, having operated for almost 7 years.

It will be interesting to see how the commission is going to go about the issue of handing out the licenses. If the final decision is not going to be made until early 1989, then the legislation is going to be already in force which will cause the stations to close financially. This means that staff will be out of work, and the companies currently operating will have no financial input, and as a result will probably not be able to re-start several months later. It would seem that the best way the commission could act, would be to draw up a shortlist of stations/companies, from which the final few will be chosen. Those already on the air should then be given temporary licenses, to avoid being raided after December 30th. The successful applicants would at least then be able to keep going until the final decision is made. Those who are then unsuccessful would have their temporary licenses revoked. This would seem the only logical way of getting over the complications of a gap between stations becoming outlawed, and licenses being issued.

OFFSHORE RADIO STATIONS. The long awaited court case for offences going back to the days of Eurosiege 85 has finally begun at Canterbury Crown Court. The accused (Nicholas and Linda Murray, John Michael Cole, Phillip Patrick

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Payne, Robb Eden and Robbie Day) are between them facing several charges under the Marine Broadcasting Etc. Offences Act, for conspiring to supply various goods and making broadcasts from an illegal radio station. The case is the reason for the delay in the launch of the Paul Rusling book 'A Laser Hit Can Burn'. For legal reasons this project was shelved until after the trial had ended. We await the outcome with interest, as this must be one of the few cases to arise under the MEBO Act.

Radio Caroline. On November 25th 1988, it was one year to the day since the giant tower on the m.v. Ross Revenge collapsed and the whole lot went over the side leaving just a few inches above deck level. The anniversary was remembered on the station by a detailed history which was broadcast after each news bulletin on Friday. (We were actually told to listen out for something special on the previous day). Although we didn't hear any of them ourselves due to extremely poor conditions that day, we understand that every aspect of the building back up of the station was told about, by Nigel Harris. It was mentioned at the end, that they hoped to increase the signal strength even more in the near future, but obviously couldn't be too explicit. Praise must certainly go to all involved for the effort which has gone into keeping the station on the air.

Line-up wise, Steve Conway didn't stay off the ship long

(not even a week), and was back on board by last Saturday (19th), bringing with him more staff. Friday (18th) saw the station have one of its now very few breaks in transmission between 16:38 and 16:44, but programmes continued as normal after this. The station went 24 hours that day, with Judy Murphy hosting in the early hours of Saturday between 01:00 and 05:00. The first sign of a possible crew change came on the breakfast show on Saturday (19th) which was started by Nigel Harris and finished by Steve Masters. Steve re-appeared at 16:00, but only lasted one hour and in fact this turned out to be the last time we were to hear do a show on this stint. Chris Kennedy also made his last appearance that day, between 09:00 and 13:00. The first real change came later in the day, when Ian Mack appeared at 17:00. However it was non-stop music, with just the hour and half-hour announcements. At 19:00 Mike Watts hosted for two hours when Steve Conway came along to take over at 21:00. Steve only programmes for a short time, at 22:33 Judy Murphy took over until the news at midnight, and then an announced closedown for maintenance at 00:05 on Sunday morning (20th). Sunday (20th) saw Chuck Reynolds on breakfast and Ian Mack until 13:00, when Dave Asher re-joined the line-up, programming through until 17:00. Judy Murphy hosted until 19:00, when she announced that her programme was to be cut short, as she had to attend a meeting. This was obviously a Radio Caroline staff meeting, as Erwin van der Blieck then took over for the next two hours. The station again ran through the night, with Mike Watts filling in between 01:00 and 05:00 on Monday morning (21st). Since then (21st-25th) the line-up has been steady, with all but the breakfast show being cut down to three hours. A new name to the station was heard first on Monday night, under the name Tony Kirk. Nothing is yet known about his background... 05:00 Ian Mack... 09:00 Judy Murphy... 12:00 Chuck Reynolds... 15:00 Nigel Harris... 18:00 Dave Asher... 21:00 Tony Kirk... 00:00 Closedown.

Why not take the opportunity this week to send a Christmas card to the staff, along with a dedication to be read out during the festive programmes. We are sure that those who will have to stay on board over that period will greatly appreciate anything that you can send to get them into the Christmas spirit. The address for correspondence is P.O. Box 146, Playa de Aro, Gerona, Spain.

MERSEYSIDE. Another quiet week in the area. **North Coast Radio** (1350kHz) were only monitored by us on Saturday night (19th), and had gone when we tried on Sunday morning. They did re-appear on Friday afternoon (25th) however, following a blank carrier being in evidence during the morning. Programmes began at 13:00 and it was announced that they would possibly be going through the night. **NCR** have an address of 79 Kestrel Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 6BW. Still no sign of any other stations on medium wave. At around 18:00 on Sunday (20th) **Veronica 104** was monitored here on 104.75MHz.

MANCHESTER. Just **Outlook 96.3** was heard by us from this area. They were noted on Sunday at 20:00.

LONDON. Due to postal delays, and also a lack of space this week, Sid's report has had to be held over until next time, as had the Bristol report. So next time look out for a bumper London Weekend Survey. Briefly, a new station was heard last Sunday called **Veronica 102** and broadcast on 101.95MHz. This appears to be a re-hash of 'Oldies' Hits FM, but more from Sid next time. Others heard both last weekend and during the week include... 88.4 **London Greek Radio**... 88.7 **Sunrise Radio**... 89.7 **The Arab**... 90.0 **Passion Radio**... 90.2 **Rock to Rock**... 90.7 **Passion Radio**... 91.0 **WLIB**... 91.7 **Sky FM**... 92.7 **Studio FM**... 93.0 **Harp FM**... 94.3 **Rock FM**... 94.5 **City Radio**... 96.1 **Greek Radio For London**... 97.9 **Traffic Jam Radio**... 98.3 **Hits FM**... 102.1 **Time Radio**... 104.4 **Greek Community Radio**. It is interesting to note that Sid cannot hear Rock FM at his location (another station on top?), as this has been on each Sunday recently. Back to normal next week.

NOTTINGHAM. **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.1) had no problems this week, and programmed throughout. On Friday (18th) Daddy Crucial had reggae star (also had chart hits in 1970's) John Holt in the studio for a thirty minute interview. Their signal is currently getting out well.

THE MIDLANDS. Despite thoughts of the start of a DTI onslaught last week when **KISS FM** disappeared on Monday 14th November, this proved to be far from the truth, although there were a couple of hiccups in the Enterprise schedule.

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In fact, **KISS FM** were off all that week, returning on Saturday afternoon (19th) on 105.45MHz. Two days after **KISS** had gone off **Enterprise FM** was noted off the air on Wednesday morning 16th, although it was back that evening. The same thing happened on Friday (18th). It seems that three different transmitters were in use that week, as each time it returned, the frequency was slightly different. Since 18th November, the station has remained on a slightly higher than usual 92.05MHz. **Radio P.C.R.L.** remained on air throughout, around 103.6MHz. They are currently airing an advert for the PCRL Christmas Party to be held on 17th December, but as yet the venue is not yet known. Other seven day operators (but not 24 hours) on the air were **Powerhouse Radio** (105.2) who run at least 16 hours per day, **Local Black Country Radio (LBCR)** in the evenings on 106.0MHz (now announcing stereo) and **Skyline Radio (SLR)** also evenings only on 94.3MHz, although starting mid-morning at weekends. **Weekender Fresh FM** were noted on both Saturday and Sunday on 95.0MHz. **Asian Radio Broadcast (ARB)** was only heard on three occasions last week (14th, 19th and 20th), on its usual 105.6MHz. The un-named AOR station carried out yet more tests this week on Monday 14th (106.0) and Tuesday 15th (105.75), using the same tapes as all previous transmissions. On the medium wave, **UK Radio** now seem to have recommenced weekly broadcasts on 1413kHz, and have been noted for the past two Sundays between 10:00 and 14:00. Current deejays include Mike Wilson, Paul Johnson and Mike Harris. The off-channel hum from **KISS-FM** (Monaghan) on 1413kHz affects U.K. Radio just outside the Wolverhampton area. **U.K. Radio** have an address of : P.O. Box 1280, Rednall, Birmingham B45 8SQ. Just North of this area, around Stafford, **Soul City Radio** continue to operate, and were heard last Sunday (20th) on 103.8MHz.

SHROPSHIRE. **WR Shropshire** will not be operating for their regular end of the month broadcast on 27th November. This is due to work being carried out on the transmitter in order to change the frequency because of the current high amount of activity in the 105MHz area. The station hopes to be on the air on Boxing Day Monday (26th December) on the new channel of 98.0MHz along with a new set of jingles for the new frequency. Tests will be carried out during the weeks running up to Christmas, so look out for

transmissions on this new channel.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. Paradise City Radio (P.C.R.) continues to operate a 24 hour schedule in stereo, on 104.9MHz to the Bradford area. Radio Veronica were on the air twice last week on 105.5MHz. Sunday (20th) saw the station operate from 19:30 until just before midnight, and again on Wednesday evening (23rd). Signal was said to be strong, and the audio quality excellent. It was mentioned on the air that N.L.V. Radio may be about to make a comeback in Keighley. In Leeds, Peoples FM (104.7) almost managed a full week on the air, and they were just missing for a time on Wednesday, being back by Thursday. Music City Radio (90.3) are being heard during some weekday evenings now, in addition to their regular weekend schedule. Rapid FM made yet another return to the air last Friday (18th) on 98.1MHz. They were heard around 18:00, when the Godfather said 'hold tight, we're in test mode'. By Saturday afternoon, programmes were in full swing along with jingles etc., however when checked at 17:00 that day they had disappeared and have not been heard since. One wonders whether this area of the band is still being used by police mobiles in West Yorkshire (they are in Blackpool!), and hence the reason for the quick disappearance of Rapid every time they return to the air. ABC-FM has not been heard for a considerable time. Finally in Leeds, the unidentified station on 94.5MHz, was heard again last Sunday (20th), but this time just with a carrier. It has previously been heard playing non-stop music. Just outside the city, Thunder Radio (104.5-stereo) made another regular Sunday evening broadcast between 19:00 and 01:00.

There are still no signs of Radio Takoradi, in Hull, but W.L.N.G. made a return to the air with test transmissions on Tuesday evening (22nd) on 104.9MHz. They mentioned that this was the first time they had been on the air for a long time, but they hoped to have regular programmes

on before Christmas.

Further south, Radio Britannia (98.2) were on the air on Thursday (17th) in the early evening, as well as the early hours of Sunday morning (20th) from 01:00 until 03:30. The signal covered a wide area, and your host on both occasions was Kenny Crescendo. Village Radio relayed the BBC TV Save the Children Appeal on Friday evening (18th), and kept announcing the BBC Radio Sheffield telephone number over the top. This was rather unfortunate, because as a result a message was heard given out on Radio Sheffield itself, at just after 20:00, saying that 'due to information received, the Radio Sheffield telephone number has been relayed by an illegal radio station. The appropriate authorities have been informed'. This will obviously lead to the monitoring of stations around the 105MHz slot by the DTI, who would otherwise have been safe. Rebel Radio were heard on both Monday and Tuesday with two hour broadcasts on the slightly higher channel of 105.5MHz.

HERTFORDSHIRE. Radio Neptune made a surprise appearance on Sunday (20th) on their regular medium wave outlet of 1566kHz. It is a long time since they were last heard, and power was thought to be around 20 watts.

ESSEX. Stations in this county have been having a good run recently, due to the fact that the DTI official for the area has been seen working in London lately. Hot Wire FM have been on the air for the past three Sunday's with a good signal on 105.2MHz. Inner City Radio continue to operate again each Sunday on 105.6MHz. Last Sunday (20th), Radio Lola were noted testing on 105.35 and due to their closeness, were reported as causing a few problems for the reception of the above two stations. A Radio Trudy was apparently heard for several Friday evenings in the Clacton area on 106.5MHz, but this now seems to have gone quiet. Finally, despite promises, Stomp FM have still not returned to the air.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Log for Sunday 20th November 1988.

6205kHz...RADIO FAX, at 11:10gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 11:52gmt.
6231kHz...W.L.R., at 12:00gmt.
6238kHz...FRS HOLLAND, at 11:34gmt.
6238kHz...RADIO CAVENDISH(?), at 11:47gmt.
6266kHz...UNID.(Freesound?), at 13:13gmt.
6270kHz...RADIO PETER BELL, at 13:27gmt. (QSO)
6270kHz...RADIO PLUTO, at 13:36gmt. (QSO)
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:46gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO PANDORA INT., at 12:21gmt.
6280kHz...DELTA TANGO, at 13:39gmt. (QSO)
6280kHz...FOX RADIO, at 13:56gmt. (QSO)
6293kHz...RADIO GLORIA INT., at 13:07gmt.
6295kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 13:53gmt. (QSO)
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:15gmt.
6304kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 12:12gmt.
6308kHz...WABC, at 11:03gmt.
6312kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 13:34gmt. (QSO)
6318kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 10:47gmt.
6318kHz...CRUISIN SOLID GOLD, at 11:02gmt.
6558kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 10:59gmt.
6625kHz...FOX RADIO, at 11:04gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 12:20gmt.
6820kHz...UNID.(4IFR?), at 09:25gmt.
6820kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:45gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:39gmt.
7316kHz...RADIO SUESAN, at 10:22gmt.
7316kHz...FALCON RADIO(?), at 10:45gmt.
7375kHz...RADIO DJ, at 09:27gmt.
7375kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10:08gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10:05gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO LIMIT INT.(?), at 10:42gmt.

Conditions today were a little better than last week, but signals from England were difficult to receive here in Blackpool. There were several unidentified signals as well as a couple of queries. We thought we heard a Radio Limit International announcement on 7440kHz at 10:42gmt, but no-one else logged this. We also heard Falcon Radio mentioned several times in a short space of time on 7316, but we are sure that this was actually a Radio Susan broadcast. Also one report mentioned Radio Cavendish on 6238kHz,

but again this was not logged by anyone else. If anyone can clear up these mysteries, please write in. Many thanks to all who contributed loggings and information this week, including Stuart (Staffordshire), David (Norwich), Andy (Hull), Roy (Derby), South Surrey Monitoring, Desmond (Cambridge) and Neal (Midlands).

The FRS Holland transmission was announced as being an 'emergency broadcast' following the raid on Radio New Wave last month. Their next broadcast will be a Christmas Show on 18th December which will hopefully last for five hours. Listener participation will be required for this broadcast in the form of Christmas and New Year greetings to your radio friends. So if you would like to mention anyone on the air, send your dedications as early as possible, to FRS Holland, P.O. Box 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands.

A new station called Radio Gloria was heard with test transmissions today on 6290kHz. No address or telephone number was given out, but it was announced that the station was operating from Scotland, and the operator then called up other stations to give him reception reports over the air.

Finally this week, Falcon Radio and Radio Susan will be running a competition beginning on 27th November 1988. The winner will be announced 'live on air', on Radio Susan's last broadcast which will be on 1st January 1989. Falcon will continue every week from that date on a new frequency which has yet to be chosen. The I.R.R.S. DX programme will continue via Falcon Radio, with Tim Teesdale presenting it. As to the competition question, well, tune in to 7316kHz to hear it, as the prize will be £20 of A-UK merchandise. The address for the competition is : MAC, P.O. Box 109, Northampton, United Kingdom.

Finally this week, Joe Vincent of Riverside Radio International, informs us that the station is currently off the air due to a transformer in the transmitter burning out. Riverside hopes to be back on this Sunday (27th), on 6305kHz and will be on each week until 31st December. The station hopes to do a marathon broadcast during the Christmas period during which time ABC Radio (Waterford) and Jolly Roger Radio - Ireland will also be relayed. When Britain Radio International are using 6304kHz, Riverside hope to use 6825kHz.